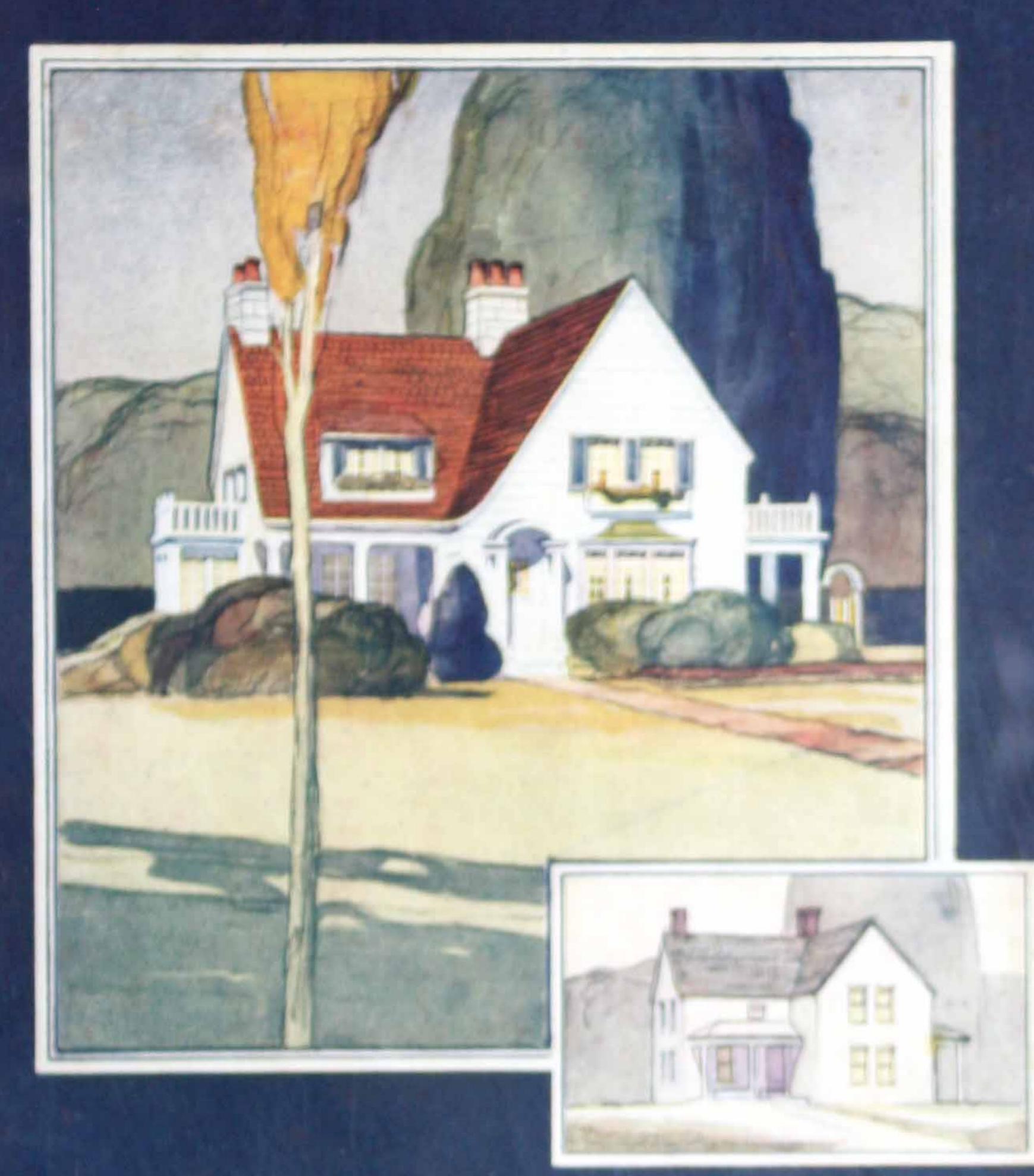
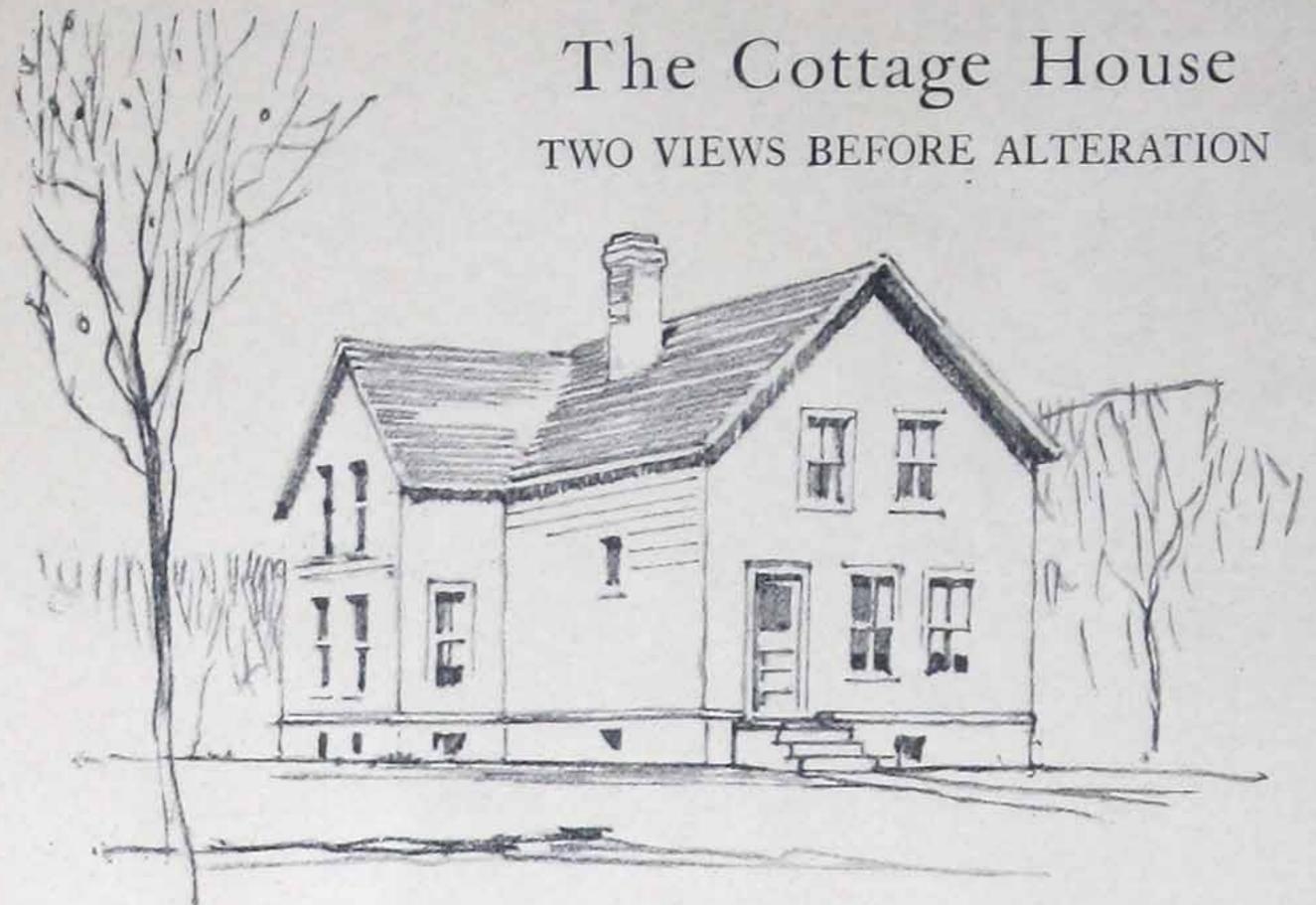
Better Homes from Old Houses



How to make your old house more comfortable, more attractive and worth more money



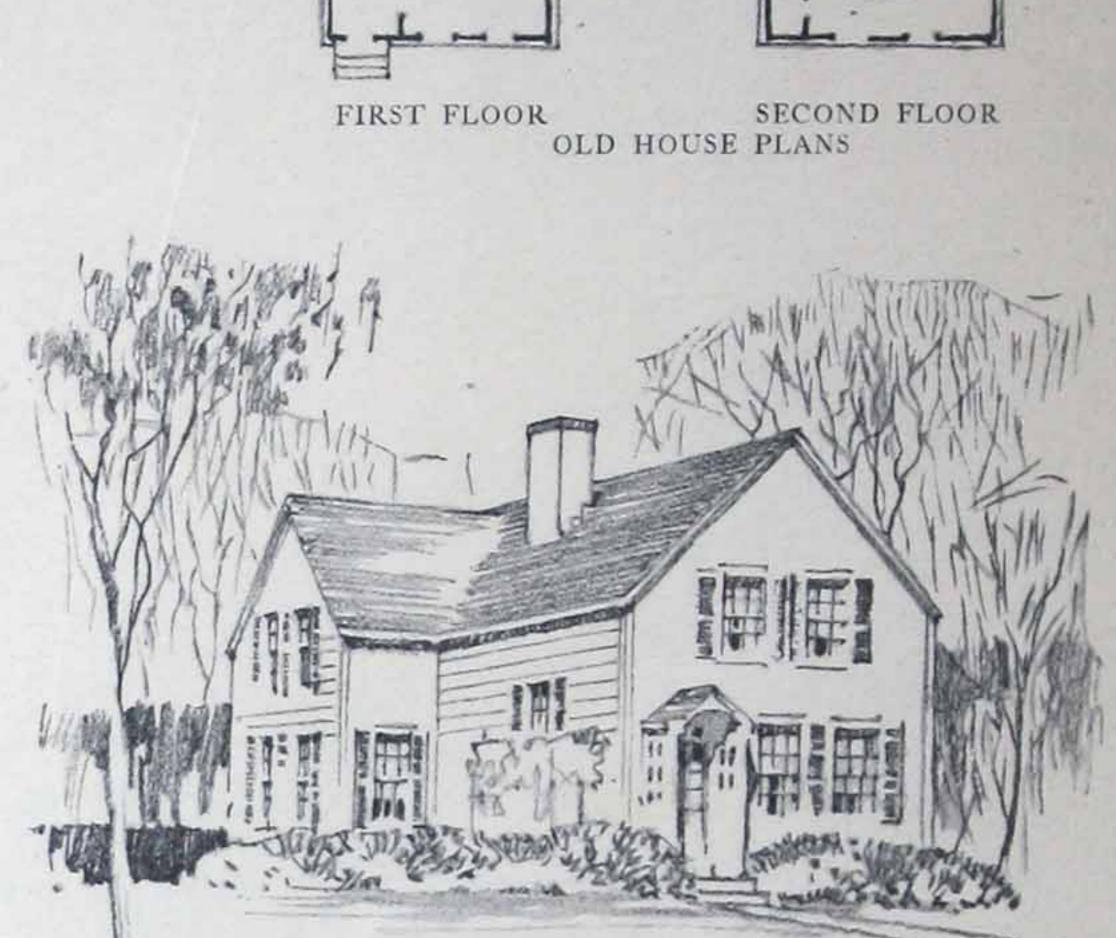
VIEW FROM STREET SHOWING FRONT AND LEFT SIDE OF OLD HOUSE. SMALL VIEW SHOWS RIGHT SIDE

THE Cottage House, as illustrated here, represents what is probably the most prevalent type of house built.

The accompanying illustrations show how its extreme simplicity lends it readily to remodeling. They indicate plans that range from the most easily accomplished, inexpensive alterations to the complete transformation of the house into a modern luxurious home.

Alteration One

TO THE original house there is added an unusually attractive entrance porch of Colonial design. Carefully chosen shutters also add charm and a color scheme of white and green with a green roof, supplemented by shrubs about the foundation will bring out the good lines of the house. Cost of new work, exclusive of painting is approximately \$200.



FRONT AND RIGHT SIDE OF OLD HOUSE

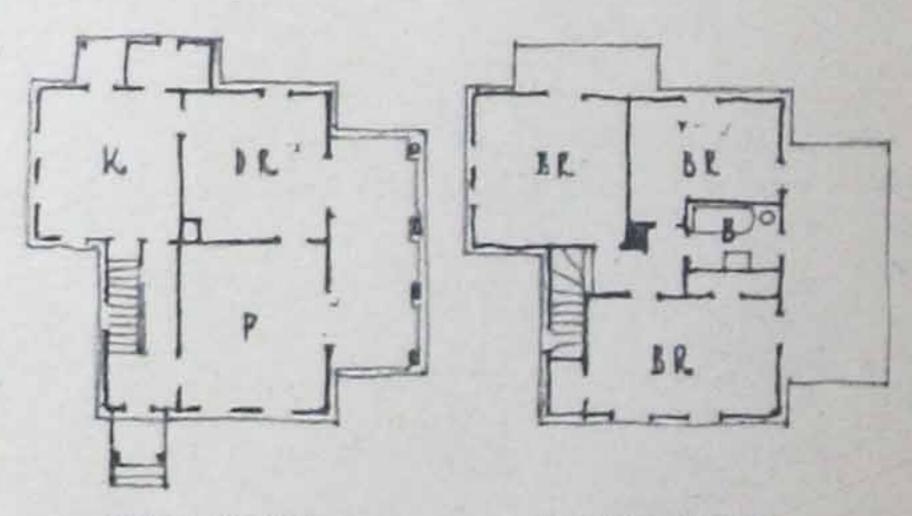
THE HOUSE WITH SHUTTERS ADDED AND NEW COLONIAL PORCH. THE FLOOR PLANS ARE UNCHANGED



THE HOUSE WITH SIDE PORCH AND LONG DORMER SEEN FROM THE SAME VIEWPOINT AS SMALL SKETCH OF OLD HOUSE

Alteration Two

A LONG dormer at the right side of the house increases the usefulness of the two main bedrooms and provides space for a bathroom. A small entrance porch, and a sitting porch opening from the living room and dining room add comfort to the first floor. Cost of new work, exclusive of painting and bathroom fixtures is about \$800.



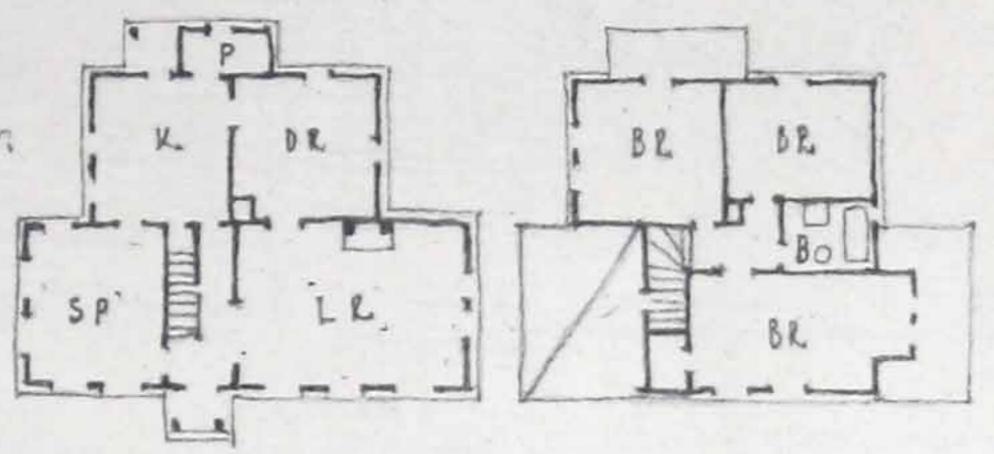
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PLANS SHOWING CHANGES IN ALTERATION TWO



VIEW OF FRONT AND RIGHT SIDE SHOWING SUN PORCH AND LIVING ROOM EXTENSION

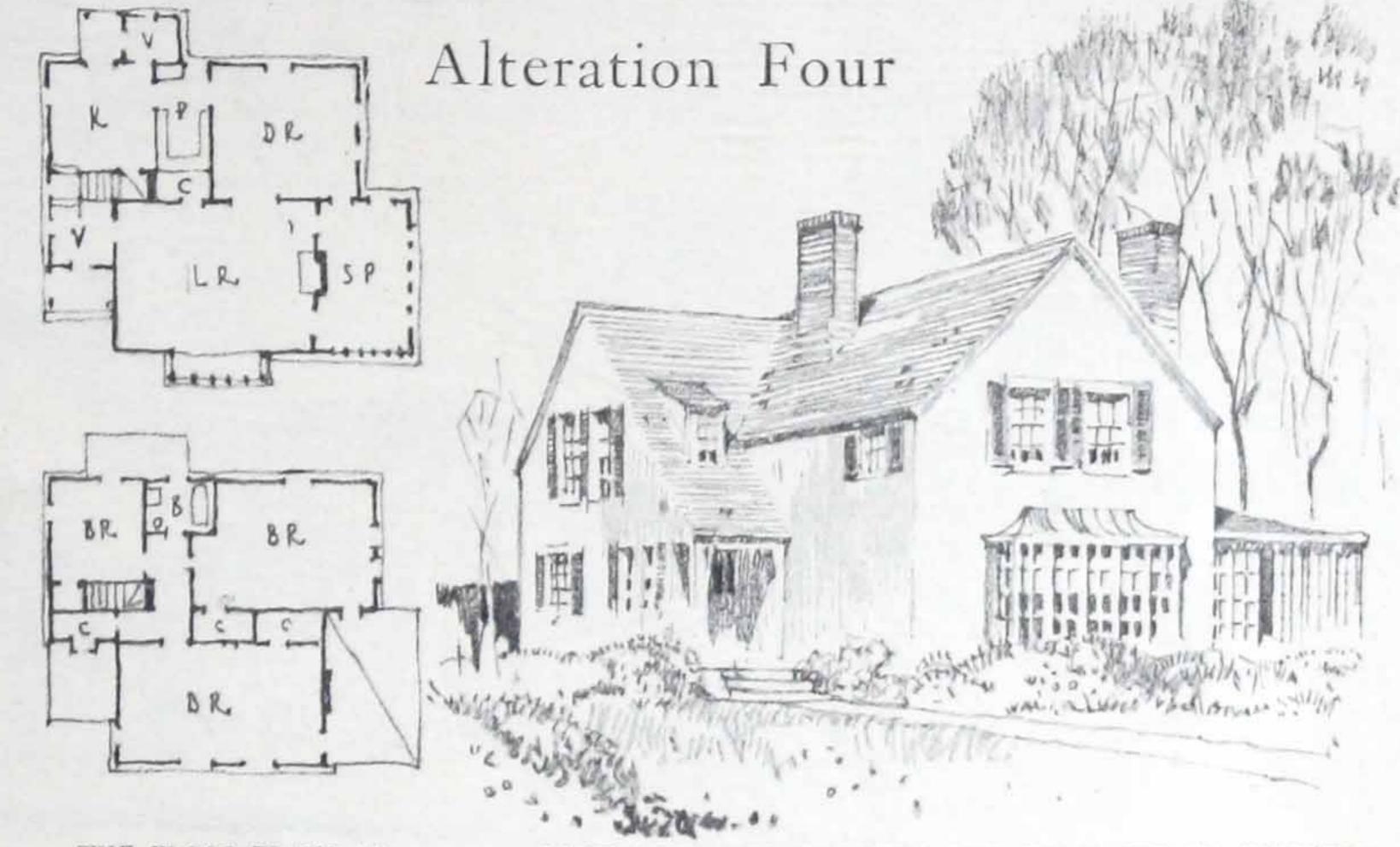
Alteration Three

THE living room is enlarged by extending the house to the right and carrying down the main roof. This space on the second floor increases the size of the main bedroom and provides a bathroom. A new chimney gives a fireplace in the living room. At the left of the entrance with a door to the hall is a sunporch and at the old entrance is added a Colonial porch. The approximate cost of this new work, exclusive of bathroom fixtures and painting, is \$1,500.



FIRST FLOOR
PLANS OF ALTERATION THREE

THE living room is enlarged by adding to it the former hall. A square bay window is built in front. The entrance is now through a vestibule formed by bringing down the kitchen roof, and the new staircase is reached from both vestibule and kitchen. The dining room is extended to give room for a modern pantry. The old pantry is a vestibule with space for ice chest. The second floor shows three large bedrooms and a bathroom. The cost of these alterations would be approximately \$3,500. Coating the exterior with stucco would cost about \$1,000 more.



THE FLOOR PLANS OF ALTERATION FOUR

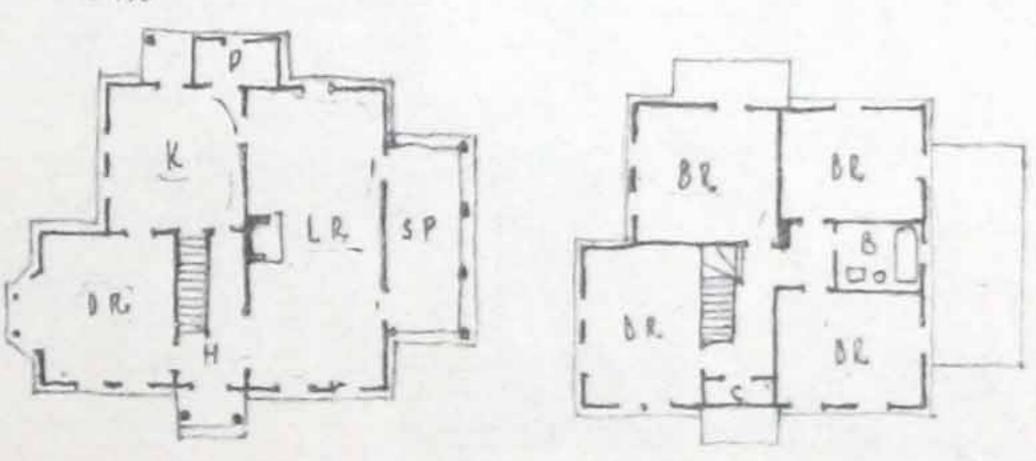
VIEW OF FRONT AND LEFT SIDE FROM STREET SHOWING APPEARANCE OF ALTERATION FOUR

Alteration Five ERE the house is considerably enlarged

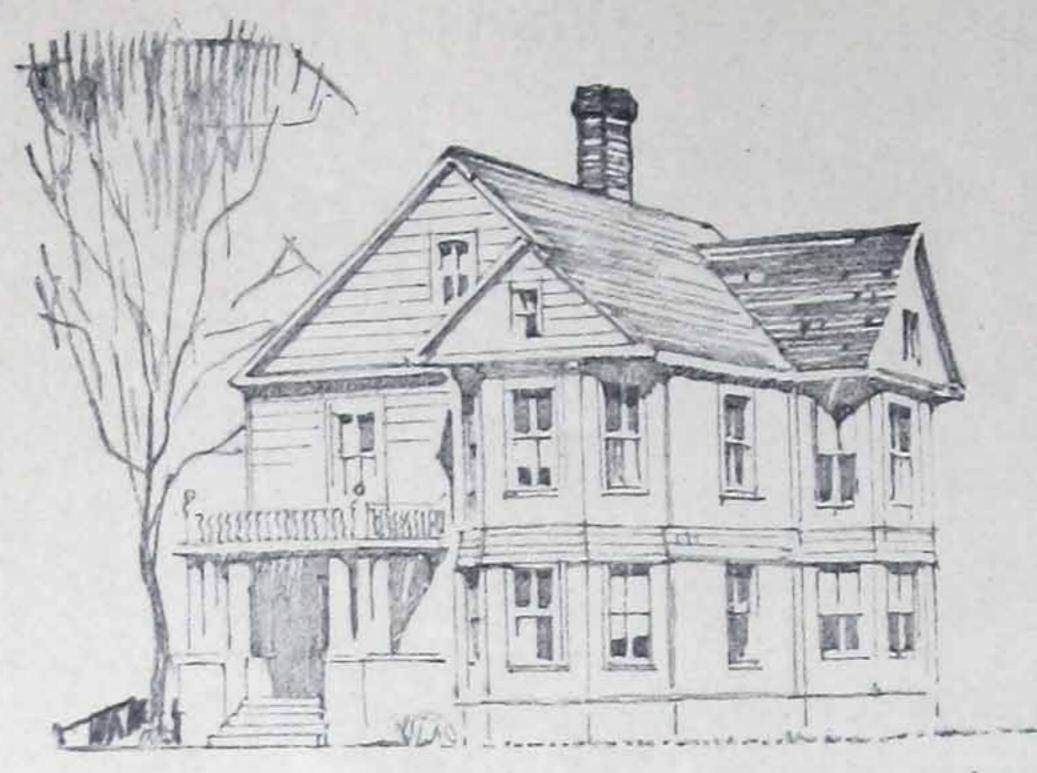
HERE the house is considerably enlarged by building a new wing at the left, thus doubling the length of the house along the street. This wing gives a dining room at the left of the hall and above it a large new bedroom. The old dining room and living room are combined into a large living room with porch opening from it. The approximate cost of these alterations, exclusive of painting and bathroom fixtures is \$4,500.



VIEW FROM STREET SHOWING FRONT AND NEW DINING ROOM ADDITION



FIRST FLOOR SECOND FLOOR
THE FLOOR PLANS OF ALTERATION FIVE

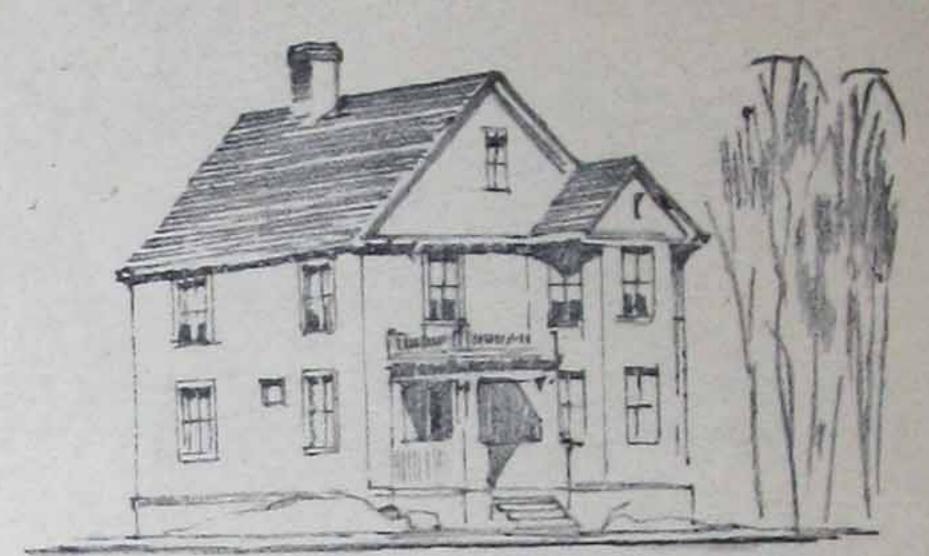


VIEW OF BAY WINDOW HOUSE BEFORE ALTERATION SHOWING FRONT AND RIGHTSIDE FROM STREET

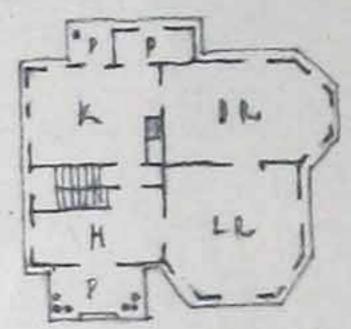
THE Bay Window House is also a type of which innumerable examples have been constructed. The various modifications of this house are many. The kind of roof varies but this is of little importance as the general plan permits a wide range of practical alterations at reasonably low cost.

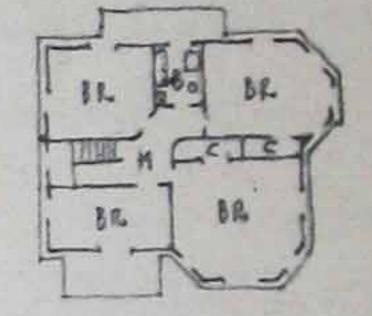
The Bay Window House

TWO VIEWS BEFORE ALTERATION



VIEW OF FRONT AND LEFT SIDE



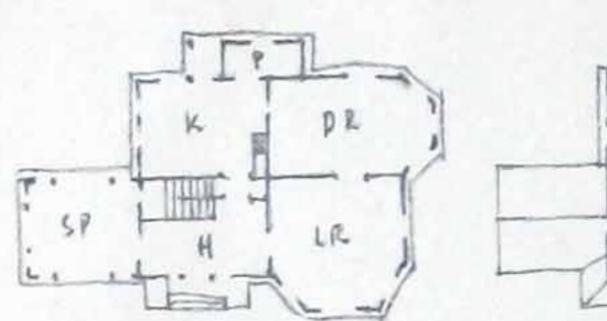


FIRST FLOOR

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THE OLD HOUSE PLANS

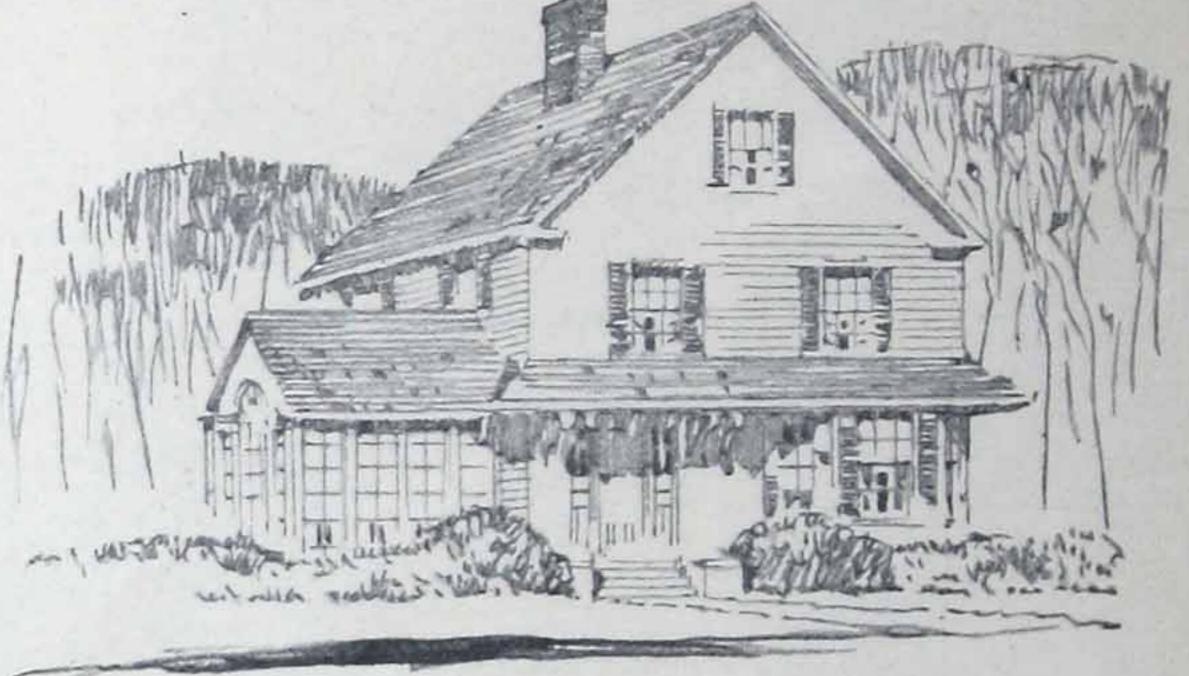
Alteration One

A SUN porch is built at the left opening from the hall. The second story part of the front bay is cut off and a shingled roof run across the front over the door and the bay window on the first floor. Approximate cost of new work, \$700.



FIRST FLOOR

OOR SECOND FLOOR PLANS OF ALTERATION ONE



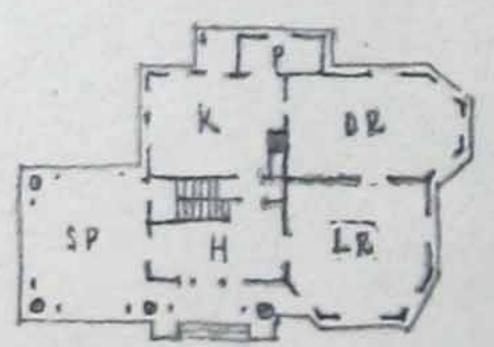
VIEW OF HOUSE WITH ALTERATION ONE COMPLETED

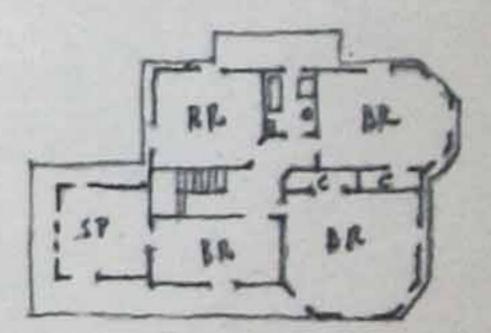


FRONT AND LEFT SIDE OF ALTERATION TWO AS VIEWED FROM THE STREET SHOWING NEW PORCH TREATMENT

Alteration Two

A COMPLETE change in exterior appearance is gained by bringing the main roof down in a long slope to cover a new porch, and by building a shingled hood to connect the porch and bay window. In the second story the roof extension permits an attractive and commodious sleeping porch to be added. This alteration changes the high, stilted front of the old house into one with pleasing modern lines. Approximate cost of new work, \$1,000.





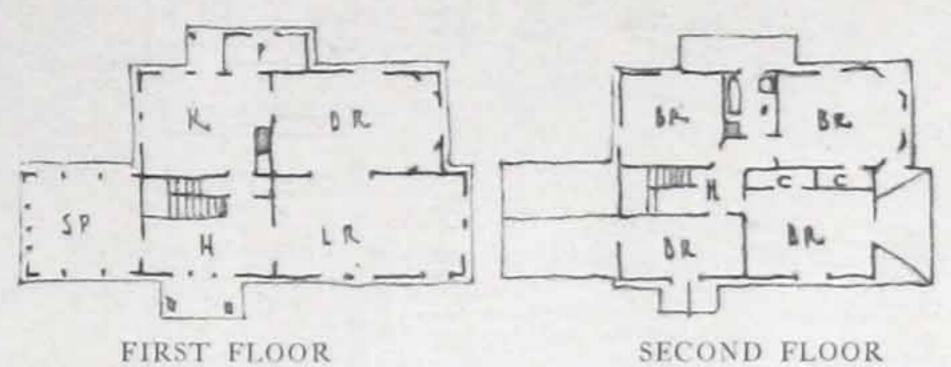
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THE STREET SHOWING FRONT AND RIGHT SIDE OF HOUSE WITH ALTERATION THREE COMPLETED

Alteration Three

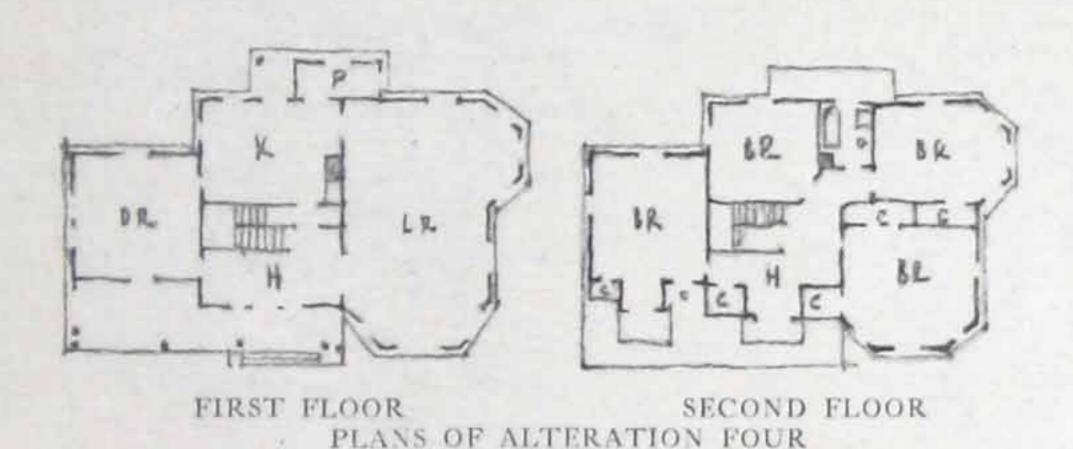
IN THIS alteration the front is changed and improved by cutting off the entire bay window. The living room is increased in size by building a one-story extension at the right and a corresponding extension at the left provides a sun porch. The entrance is improved with a dignified Colonial porch. The bay in the dining room is squared out and the corners used for china closets. The cost of the new work exclusive of painting would be about \$1,400.



PLANS OF ALTERATION THREE

Alteration Four

HERE the house is enlarged by building a new wing at the left of the hall which provides an attractive dining room on the first floor and a large bedroom on the second floor. A well arranged porch is included in the new work and the roof so designed that it decreases the apparent height of the house. The living room is enlarged by combining with it the former dining room. The approximate cost of these alterations, exclusive of painting would be \$2,500.

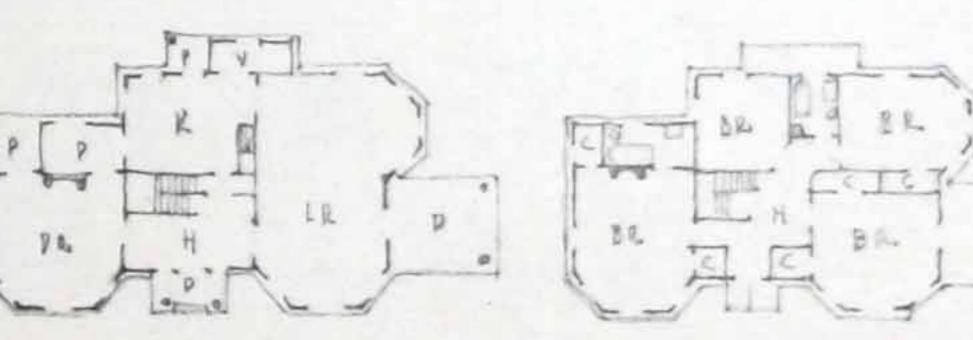


VIEW FROM STREET SHOWING NEW DINING ROOM WING AND LARGE PORCH IN ALTERATION FOUR

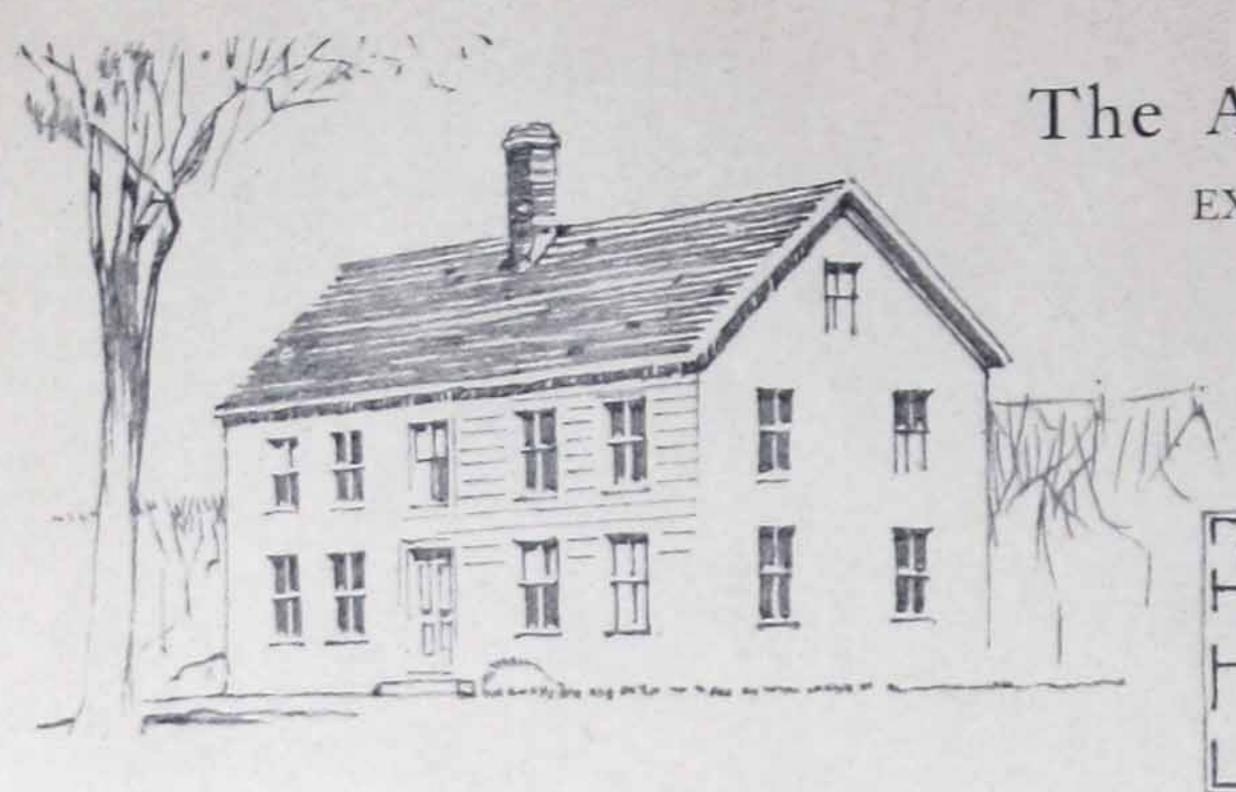
ALTERATION FIVE SHOWS A COMPLETE CHANGE TO A MODERN, DISTINCTIVE HOME WITH GREATER SPACE AND CONVENIENCES

Alteration Five

THIS alteration shows a complete development of the old house into a modern attractive home that would grace any community. The front is made symmetrical by building a wing at the left of the hall with a two story bay window to match the old. The roof is remodeled into a hipped form and a porch is added at the right side of the house. The addition provides a dining room and pantry on the first floor and a bedroom with private bath on the second. The approximate cost of new work is \$4,500.

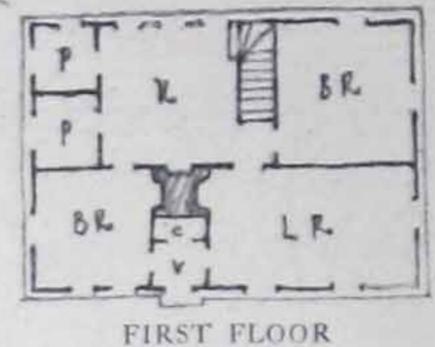


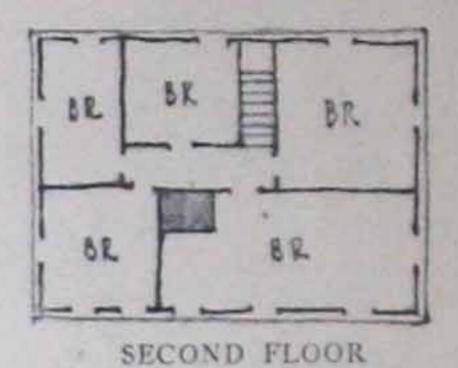
FIRST FLOOR SECOND FLOOR PLANS OF ALTERATION FIVE



The American Farmhouse Type

EXTERIOR VIEW AND FLOOR PLANS BEFORE ALTERATION





VIEW FROM THE STREET SHOWING FRONT AND RIGHT SIDE

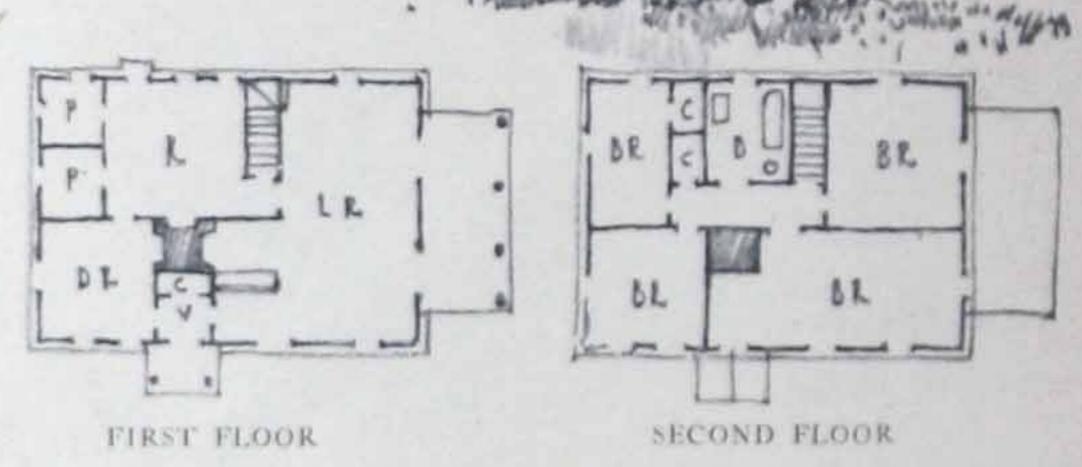
THE American Farm House type is noted for its sensible, spacious and comfortable rooms, and for its simplicity of design.

It is the prize possession of, and a real foundation for the remodeler. If you are fortunate enough to have an old house of this type, or one which resembles it, we feel that you will be delighted with the many charming alterations suggested here for adapting it to modern home requirements.



Alteration One

The living room is enlarged by removing the partition that formed the old rear bedroom. The approximate cost of these additions is \$600. The picture opposite shows shutters, small paned windows and a large chimney; these are quite often found intact in old houses, if not they should be restored to give the true Colonial appearance, but the cost of this work is not included in the figure given here.

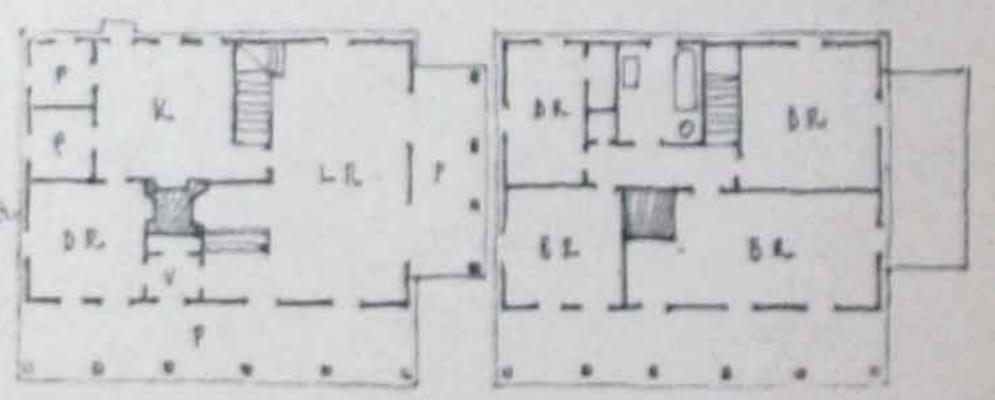


FLOOR PLANS AND EXTERIOR SHOWING PORCHES, SHUTTERS AND LARGER CHIMNEY-ALTERATION ONE

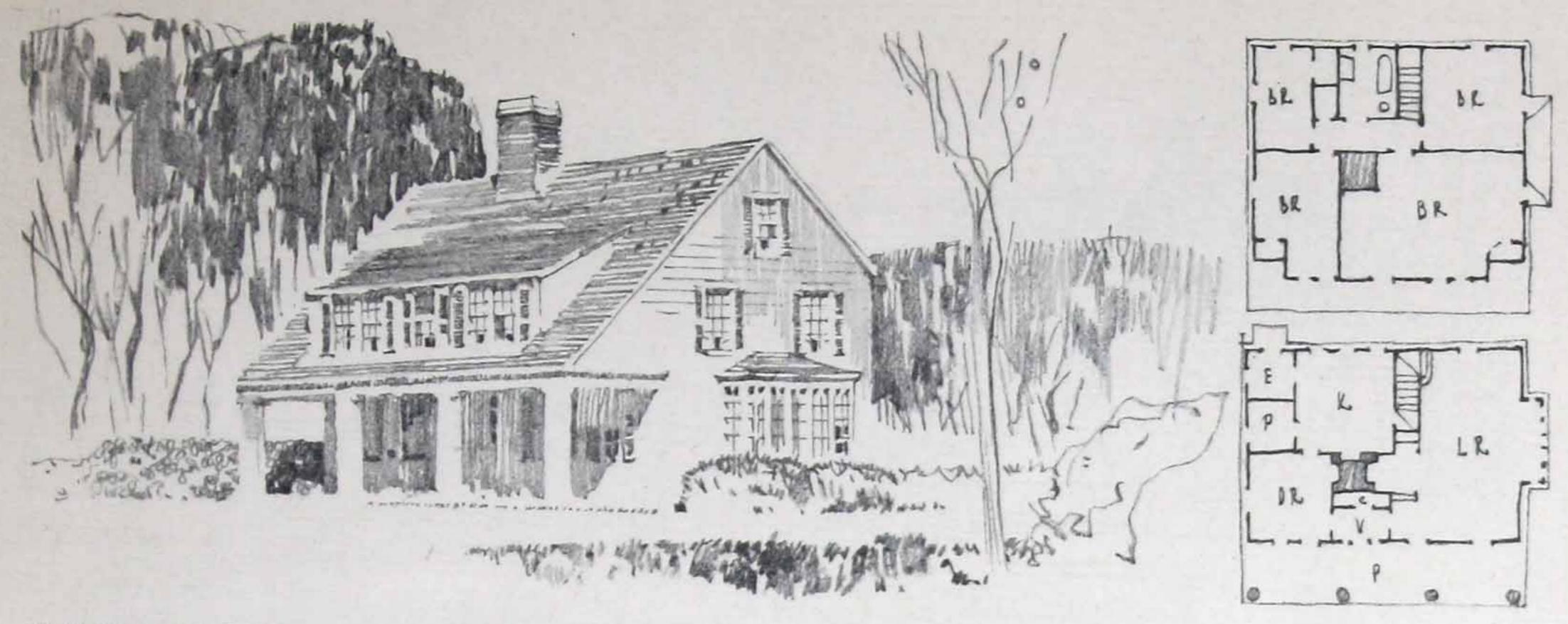
VIEW FROM STREET SHOWING FRONT AND RIGHT SIDE WITH MOUNT VERNON PORCH ON FRONT

Alteration Two

IN THIS alteration a two-story porch similar to that at Mount Vernon is built across the front, the main roof being extended out with a slight slope to cover it. The living room is enlarged and a porch opening from it through French windows is added at the side. These changes would cost about \$1200.



FIRST FLOOR SECOND FLOOR PLANS FOR ALTERATION TWO



VIEW FROM STREET SHOWING FRONT AND RIGHT SIDE-ALTERATION THREE

Alteration Three

THE main roof is carried down across the whole front of the house to cover a wide porch. A long dormer is built in the roof which enlarges the front bedrooms and provides them with large closets. The living room is made especially attractive with a long bay window opposite the fireplace arranged with ingle seats. Approximate cost of alterations



FLOOR PLANS, ALTERATION FOUR

IS \$2,000.

Alteration Four

A NEW wing with chimney is built at the right side of the house containing a study and porch on the first floor and a bedroom above. A new staircase is built, the living room enlarged and two bathrooms provided. Cost, exclusive of plumbing about \$3,500.

FRONT AND RIGHT SIDE VIEW. ALTERATION FOUR

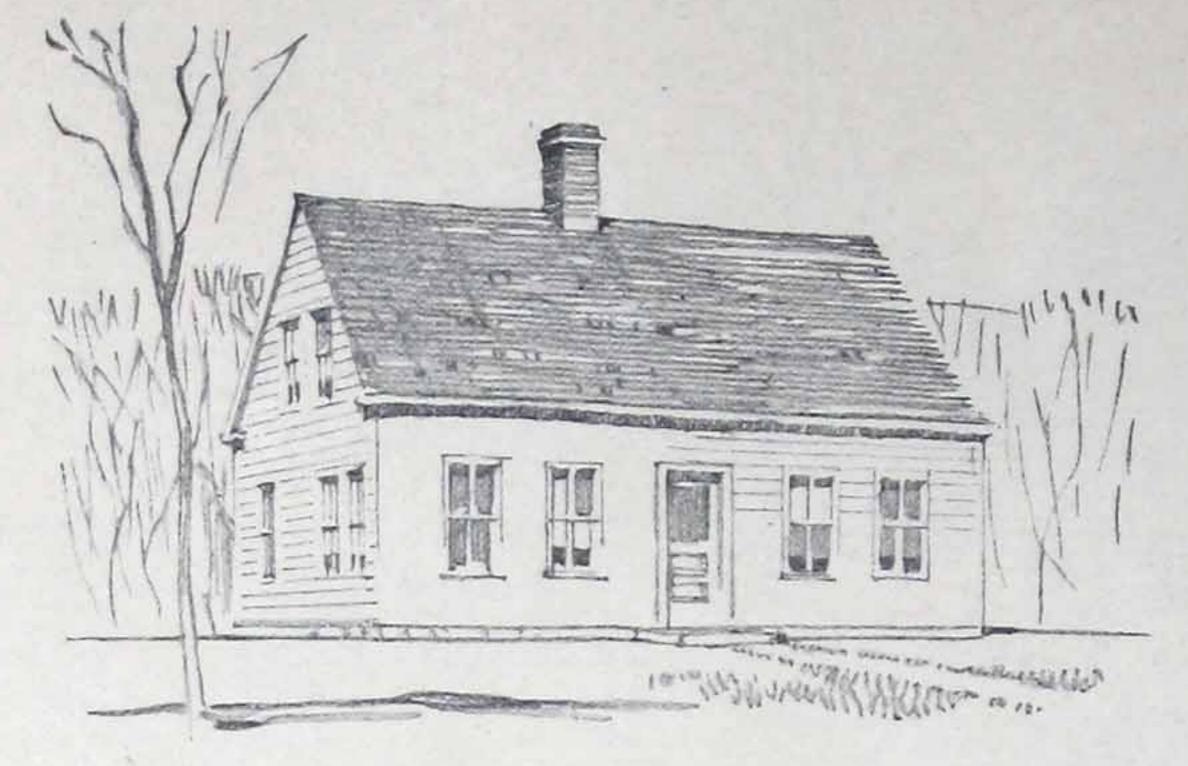
Alteration Five

SECOND FLOOR ABOVE

FIRST FLOOR BELOW

HERE a new wing is built at the left containing a kitchen, maid's room and bath; with a large bedroom and bath over. The former kitchen is made the dining room; a breakfast porch and a living porch are also added. Approximate cost \$4,500.

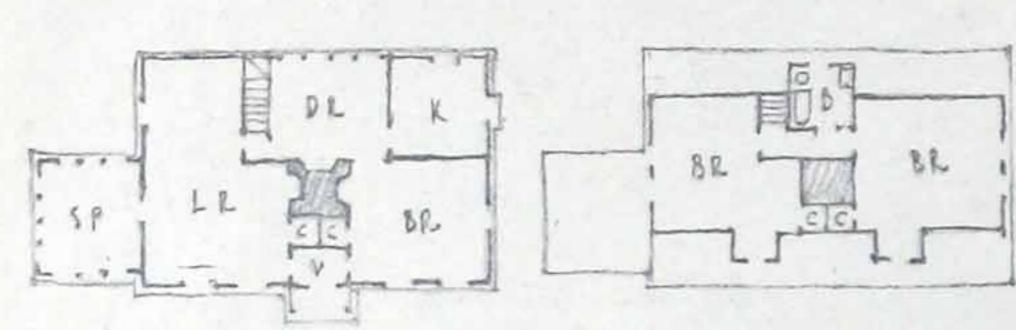




EXTERIOR VIEW OF OLD HOUSE FROM THE STREET

FROM the days when our colonial fore-fathers originated this type house, until today, it has been duplicated numerous times in almost every section of our land.

Hardly any type could be adaptable to more comfortable, artistic and economical changes. A wide choice of ideas for altering it is offered in these pages.



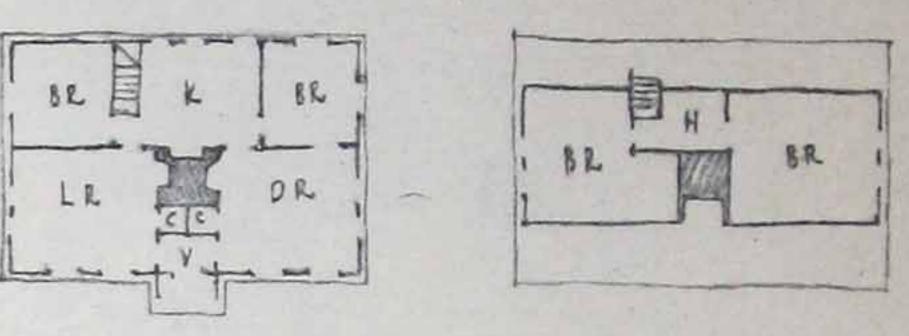
FIRST FLOOR SECOND FLOOR PLANS OF ALTERATION ONE

Alteration One

A SUN porch opening from the living room is added at the left. On the second floor two dormers in front increase light and air in the bedrooms and a large dormer in the rear gives space for a bathroom. Minor interior changes increase the comfort of the house. Approximate cost, exclusive of plumbing, is \$500.

Old Colonial Cottage

EXTERIOR VIEW AND FLOOR PLANS BEFORE ALTERATION



FIRST FLOOR
PLANS OF OLD HOUSE

SECOND FLOOR



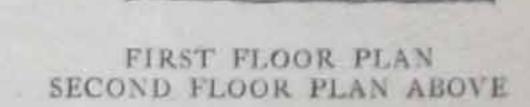
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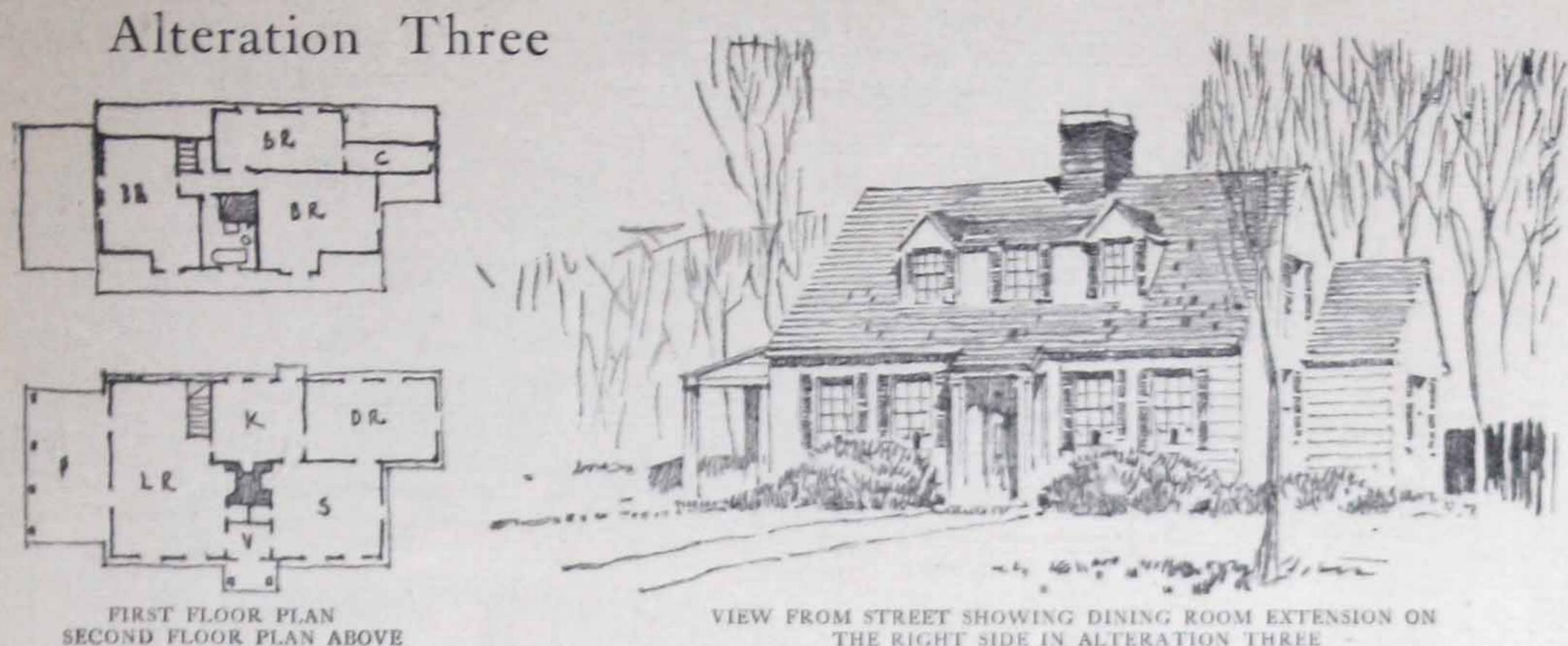
Alteration Two

THE exterior is given a quaint character by extending the roof out to form a narrow porch along the front with seats and lattice at the ends. A long front dormer provides an additional bedroom and a rear dormer a bathroom. The living room is squared out and a new staircase built. Cost, approximately \$1,400.

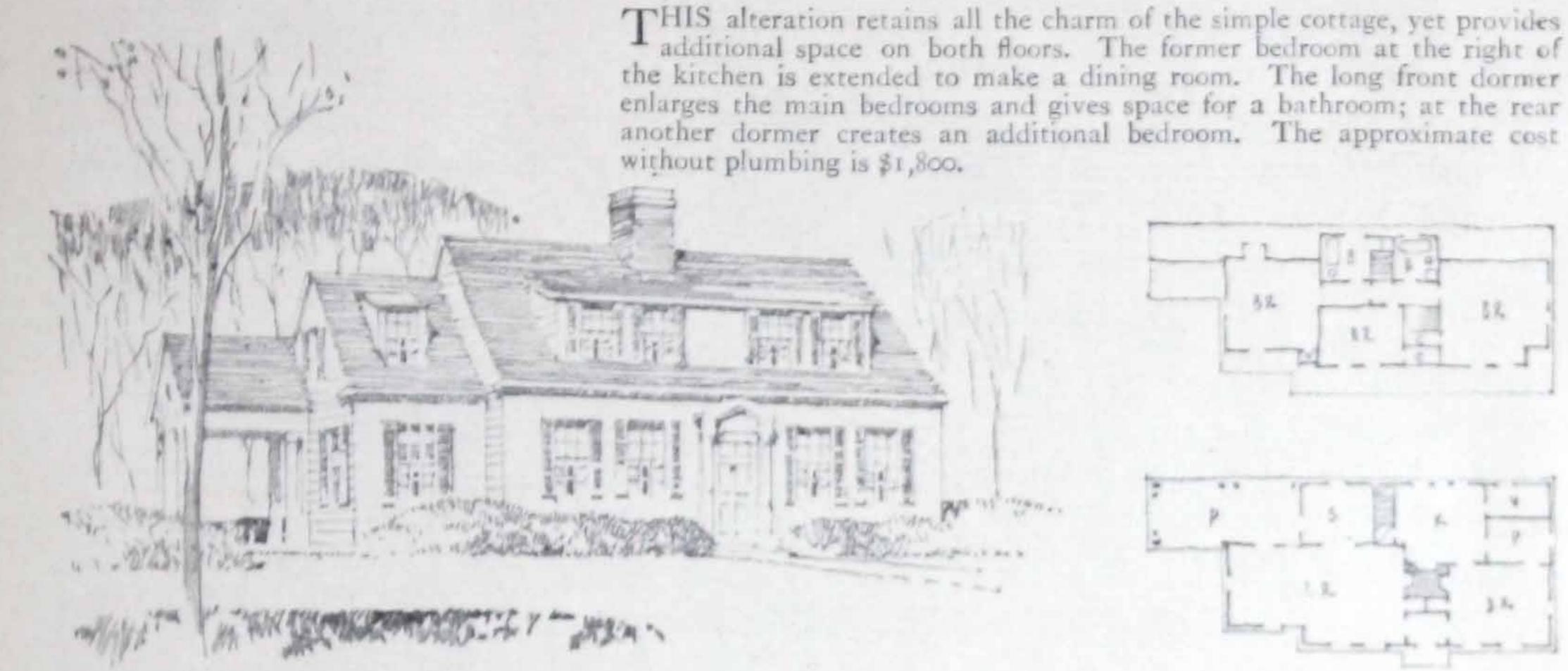


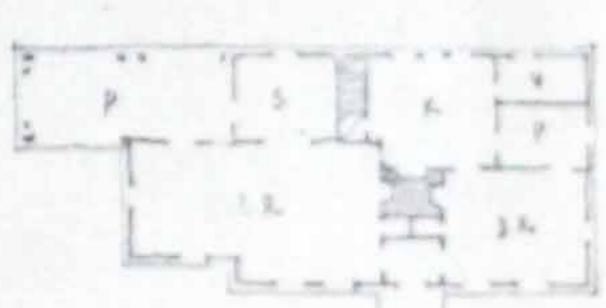
VIEW OF HOUSE SHOWING CHANGED APPEARANCE WITH ALTERATION TWO COMPLETED





THE RIGHT SIDE IN ALTERATION THREE -





FIRST FLOOR PLAN SECOND FLOOR PLAN ABOVE

Alteration Four

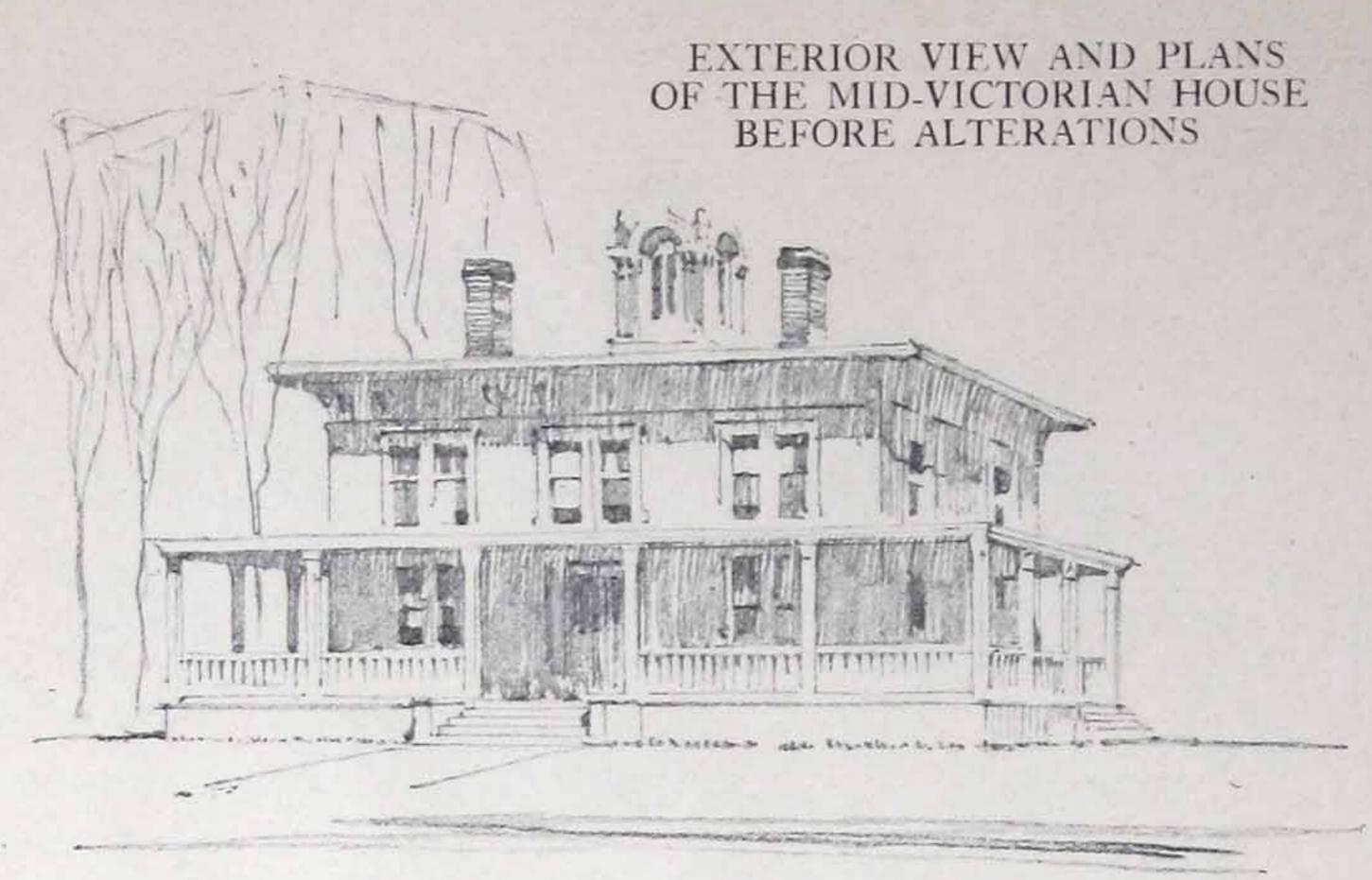
VIEW FROM STREET SHOWING ALTERATION FOUR COMPLETED

HERE the house is considerably enlarged; a new wing at the left increases the living room and adds a bedroom. The porch extends out at the end to catch the breeze. The long front dormer gives full height bedrooms and the rear dormer space for two bathrooms. Cost of new work about \$3,800.

Alteration Five

THIS plan shows a very attractive scheme for remodeling. All of the additions are confined to the ground floor in bungalow style. A new wing is built at each end of the house, the right to contain two guest rooms and bath and the left a study and porch. Approximate cost, \$6,000.



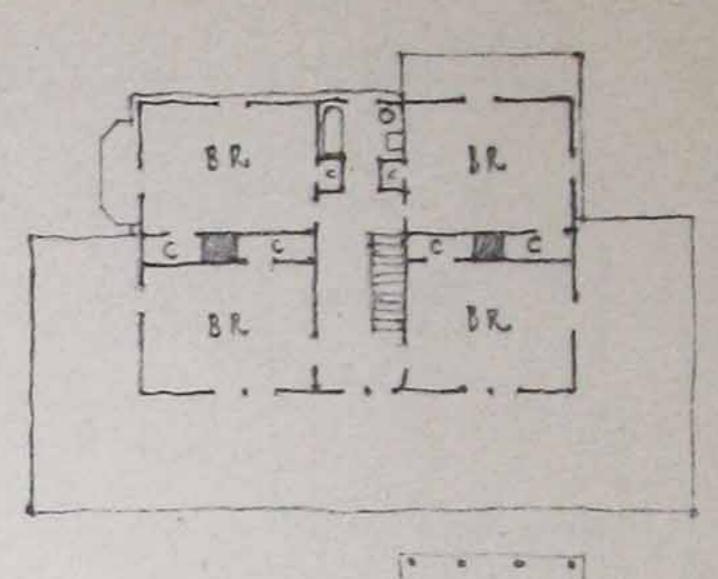


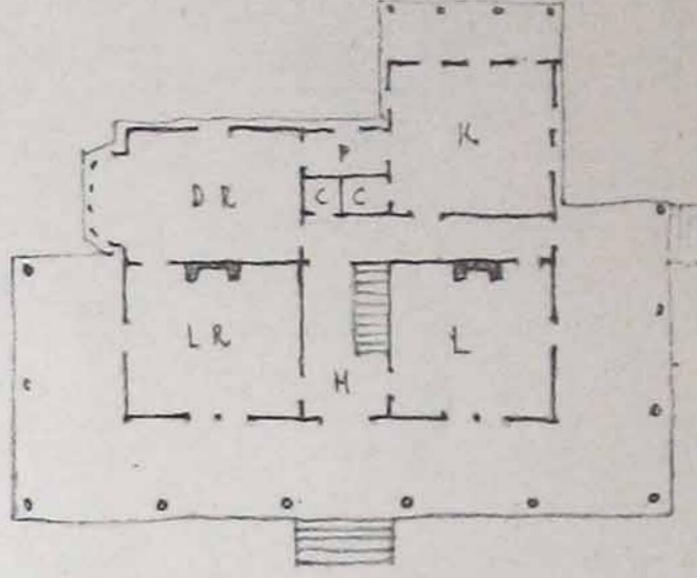
The Mid-Victorian House

HE Mid-Victorian house is genreally large and has spacious rooms on two floors. Houses of that day were built of excellent materials and they lend themselves readily to marked improvement in the hands of the remodeler. The already roomy interiors require little alteration, but remarkable results are to be obtained by reworking the exteriors, as illustrated here.

Alteration One

CHANGING the proportions and eliminating jig-saw ornament greatly improve these houses. In this plan a new pitched roof is built with the eaves just above the second floor windows; the old porch is taken off and new porches with shed roofs added at the sides. Floor plans are unchanged. Cost of new work is approximately \$1,800.





FLOOR PLANS OF MID-VICTORIAN HOUSE

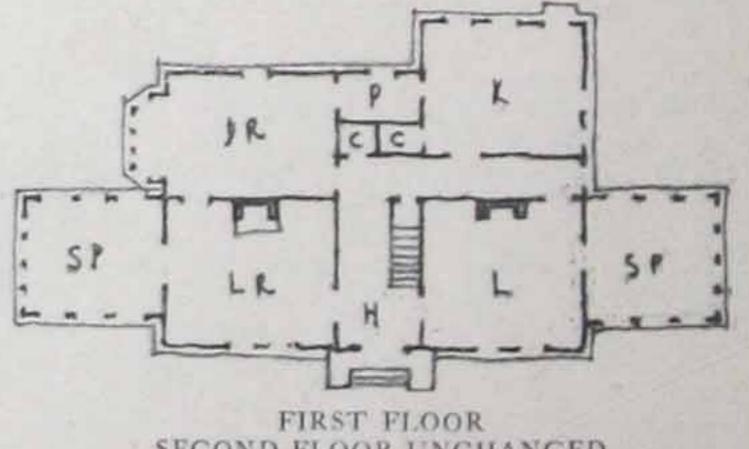


VIEW SHOWING NEW PITCHED ROOF AND SIDE PORCHES IN ALTERATION ONE FLOOR PLANS ARE UNCHANGED

VIEW FROM STREET SHOWING CHANGE EFFECTED BY STUCCO EXTERIOR, NEW ROOF AND SUN PORCHES

Alteration Two

PITCHED roof with wide eaves covers the whole house. A glazed sun porch with pitched roof is added at each end. The entrance has a shingled hood supported by brackets. Floor plans are unchanged. Approximate cost including stucco for front and end walls, \$2,800.



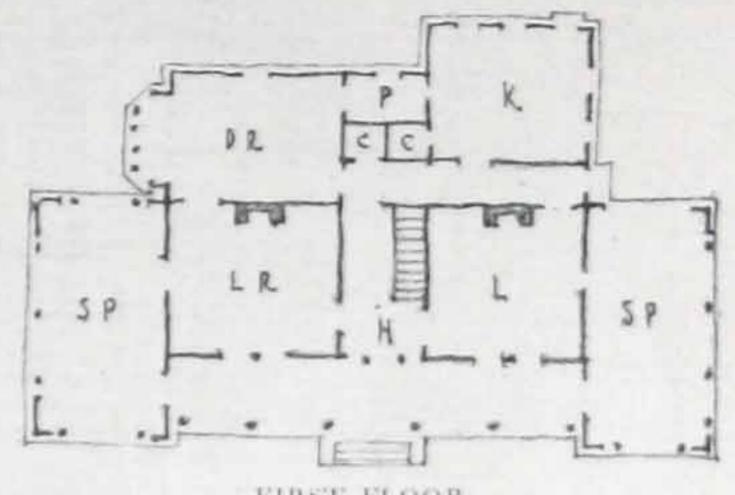
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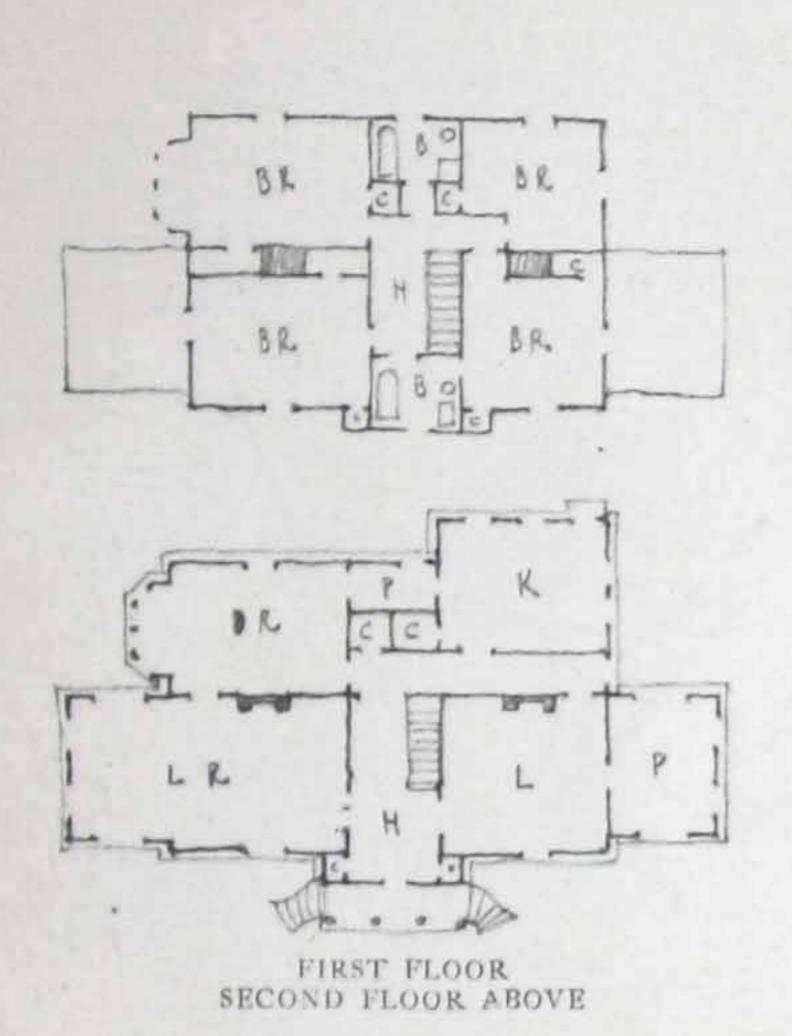
VIEW OF ALTERATION THREE SHOWING APPEARANCE OF HOUSE WITH STUCCO FRONT, NEW CORNICE AND PORCHES

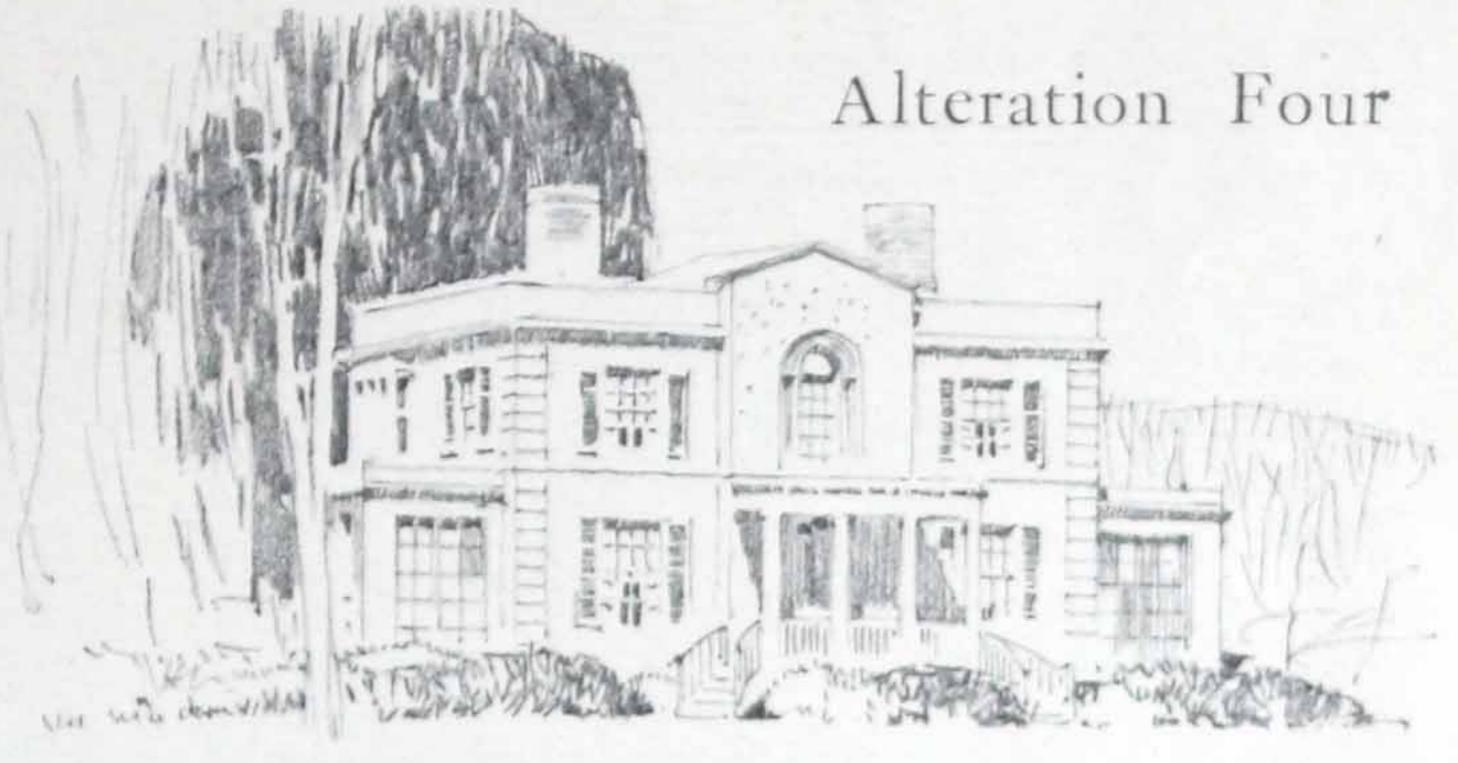
Alteration Three

THIS dignified house is obtained by simple means. A new cornice with parapet is built just above the second floor windows, retaining the flat roof. Glazed porches at the ends project from the front and are connected by a colonnade. Floor plans are unchanged. Approximate cost including stucco, \$3,500.



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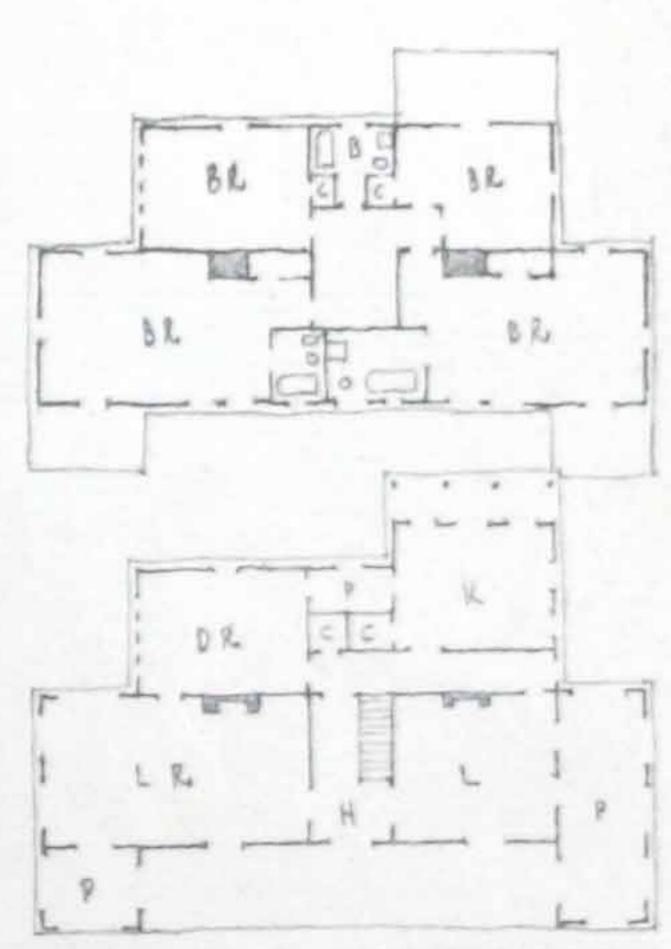
VIEW OF FRONT AND LEFT SIDE OF ALTERATION FOUR

A ONE story extension at the left increases size of living room; at the right provides sun porch. The center of house with low pitched roof is extended and gives new entrance porch and additional bath room. Approximate cost with stucco exterior, \$4,500.

Alteration Five

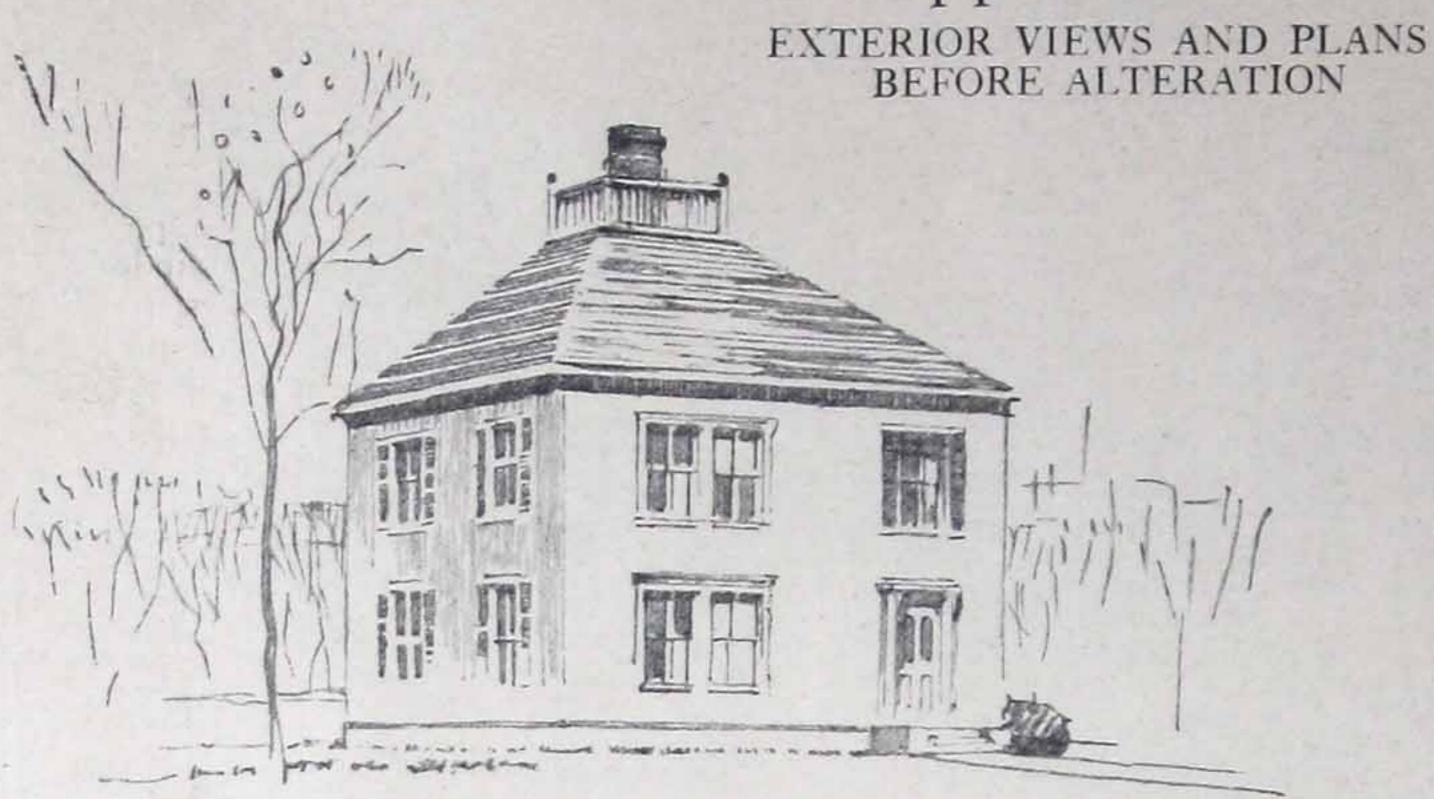


ALTERATION FIVE GIVES THE EFFECT OF THE POPULAR ITALIAN STYLE



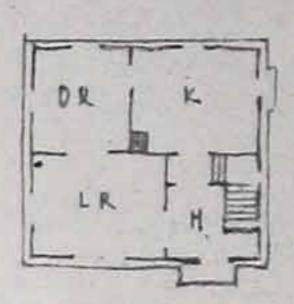
FLOOR PLANS, ALTERATION FIVE

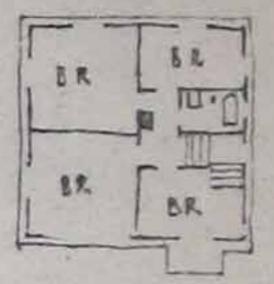
The Hipped Roof House



VIEW OF OLD HOUSE FROM STREET SHOWING LEFT SIDE AND FRONT

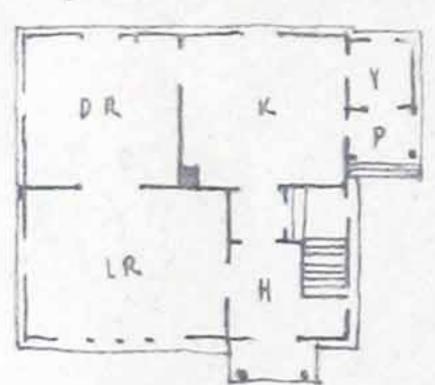






FIRST FLOOR SECOND FLOOR PLANS OF OLD HOUSE

MANY examples of this type house are found in all sections of the country. As usually erected, it is square in plan and has a box-like appearance. It has a distinct advantage in its square rooms, and simple changes on the exterior that will remove the box-like look can be easily and economically made. The alterations suggested here show several ideas over a wide range of cost, any one of which will greatly improve the house.

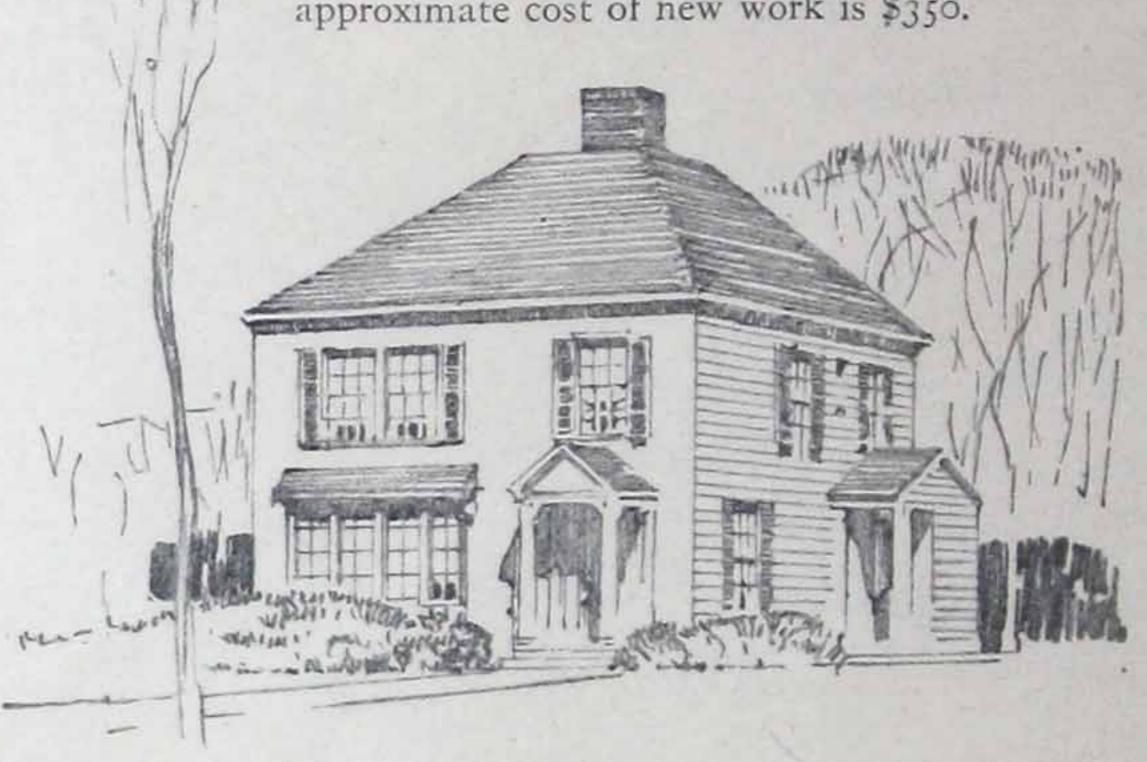


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FIRST FLOOR SECOND FLOOR FLOOR PLANS OF ALTERATION ONE

Alteration One

A KITCHEN porch and ice chest vestibule and an attractive front porch are additions. The living room windows are changed to a row of casements with a shingled hood above. The approximate cost of new work is \$350.



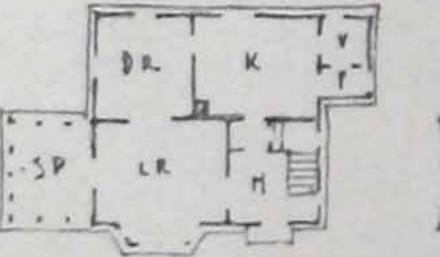
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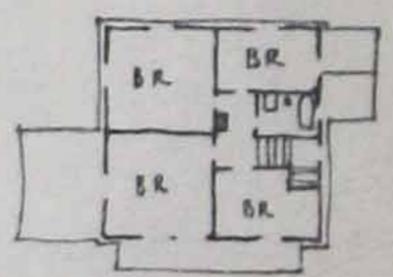
Alteration Two

IN this alteration the high and box-like appearance is removed by the long shingled hood across the front covering the new bay window in the living room and the front door. Brackets in pairs support the hood. A glazed sun porch with French window from living room is added at the left side. On the right there is a new kitchen vestibule and porch as shown in alteration one. The approximate cost of these changes, exclusive of painting, is \$700.



VIEW OF LEFT SIDE AND FRONT FROM STREET SHOWING SUN PORCH AND IMPROVEMENTS IN FRONT





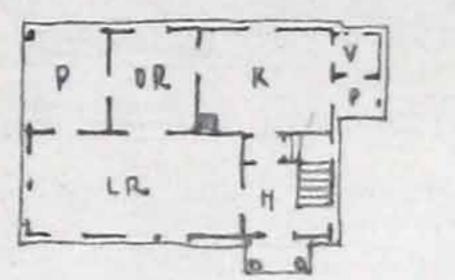
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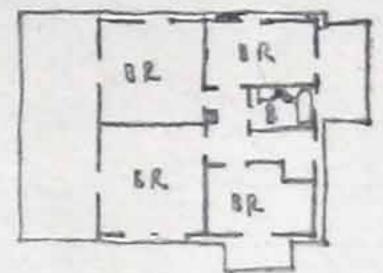


VIEW OF FRONT AND LEFT SIDE FROM STREET SHOWING LIVING ROOM AND PORCH ADDITIONS

Alteration Three

THE living room in the original house is small; this plan shows an inexpensive method of enlarging it. A one story extension is built at the side of the house; half is part of the living room and half a sitting porch. The roof is slightly pitched and is concealed with a solid wood parapet. A new entrance porch matches the extension in style. At the right side there is a kitchen vestibule with similar roof treatment. The approximate cost of new work, exclusive of painting, is \$1200.

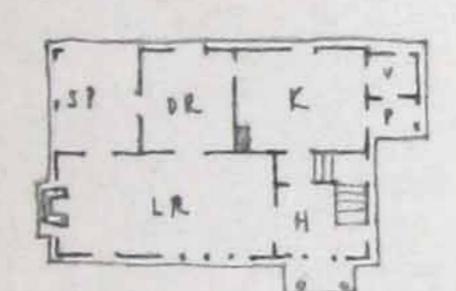




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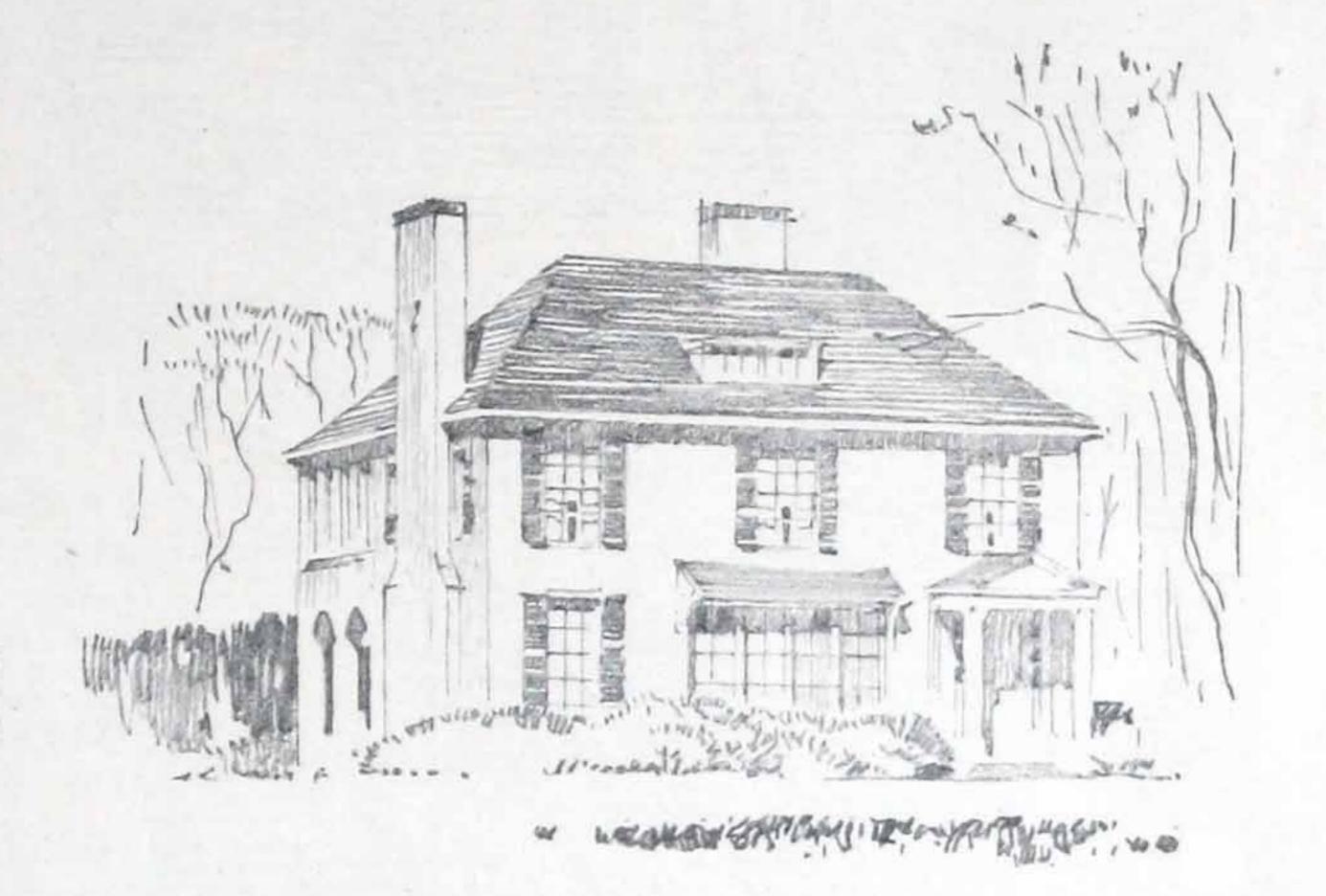
Alteration Four

HERE is shown a plan for enlarging the house slightly in a way that gives it an extremely attractive appearance. The living room is extended as in alteration three, and the extension is carried up two stories and roofed over. This also enlarges the main bedroom and provides a sleeping porch. A new outside chimney gives a fireplace in both living room and main bedroom. An extrance porch, casement windows in the living room and a kitchen vestibule are other additions. Approximate cost, \$2500.



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FIRST FLOOR SECOND FLOOR FLOOR PLANS OF ALTERATION FOUR



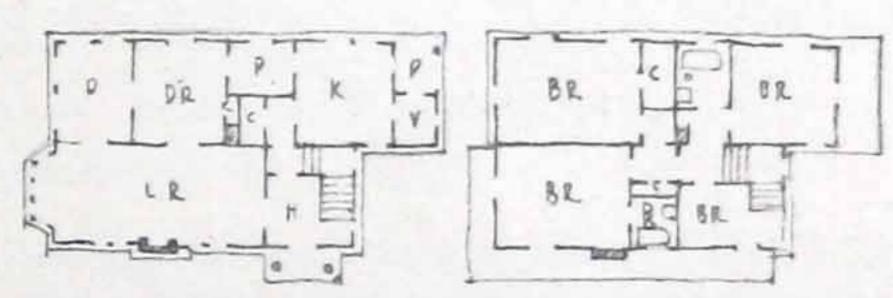
VIEW OF FRONT AND LEFT SIDE SHOWING GREATLY IMPROVED APPEARANCE FROM LENGTHENING THE FRONT



VIEW OF FRONT AND RIGHT SIDE FROM STREET SHOWING DEVELOPMENT OF OLD HOUSE INTO A LUXURIOUS MODERN HOME

Alteration Five

THIS alteration shows a complete development of the old house into a beautiful and modern home. The whole house is extended at the left as in alteration three, and another extension at the right enables a pantry to be included between the kitchen and dining room. On the second floor there are now four bedrooms, three of very good size, and two bath rooms. The exterior has an unusually attractive appearance with a new outside chimney a feature of the front. Approximate cost of new work, \$4500.



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FLOOR PLANS OF ALTERATION FIVE

What To Do and How To Do It

SELECT the plan from the Barrett Book which approximates the type of house you are interested in remodeling. Then select the remodeled house of this type which represents the amount of money you are prepared to invest. By studying the illustrations carefully, you will undoubtedly find many suggestions which are ideal for your own particular need. Make a complete list of them.

Then, Consult Your Local Builders

Show them the Barrett Book and point out the illustrations of the changes you have listed. Then have them look over carefully the house to be remodeled to insure the practicability of the desired changes.

Almost any contractor or practical builder can readily estimate the cost of such changes. Ask them to give you bids based on any of the following conditions:

1. Bids Based on Furnishing All Materials and Labor

On this basis your builders will give you prices covering the entire job. They will base their bids on hiring and paying their own labor and buying and paying for all the necessary materials. You usually pay a builder on this kind of a bid proportionately as the work progresses.

2. Bids Based on Furnishing Labor Only
In this case, the builders give you flat
prices on the job, furnishing all necessary
labor, but not furnishing materials. These
you buy from your local hardware, lumber
or building supply dealers.

3. Bids Based on the Furnishing of Labor on Hourly or Daily Basis

When it is difficult to figure the cost of the alterations desired, the furnishing of labor by the local builder on an hourly or daily basis is often done very satisfactorily.

4. Bids Based on the Cost Plus Plan

The cost plus basis is also used extensively whenever it is difficult to estimate accur-

Under this plan the builder furnishes the labor, and materials also if desired, which you or he pays for as agreed. But, on the actual cost of materials and labor, as proved by the builder's or contractor's receipted bills, a percentage (heretofore agreed upon) is added, which is paid to the builder or contractor as his profit.

When You Have the Estimates Complete

When you get a complete estimate, check over your figures very carefully. There is no set rule on the form of bids, but it is important that a distinct understanding be mutually agreed upon in writing before the bid is accepted, and the work started.

If You Buy Your Own Materials

If you decide to buy your own materials, take the Barrett Book to your hardware, lumber or supply dealers and the painter giving them a clear understanding of what you wish to accomplish. They will give you many practical and economical suggestions based upon years of experience in the building business.

If Remodeling on a Large Scale—Consult an Architect

On complete, large-scale remodeling jobs, it is always better, and almost necessary to employ the services of an efficient architect.

If Available Funds are Insufficient

Bankers and Building and Loan Associations are always keenly interested in increasing the values of property and real estate. You will undoubtedly find that any improvements you may wish to make will meet with their hearty approval to the extent of advancing funds for necessary financing—as long as it is consistent with safety, prudence and sound banking practice.

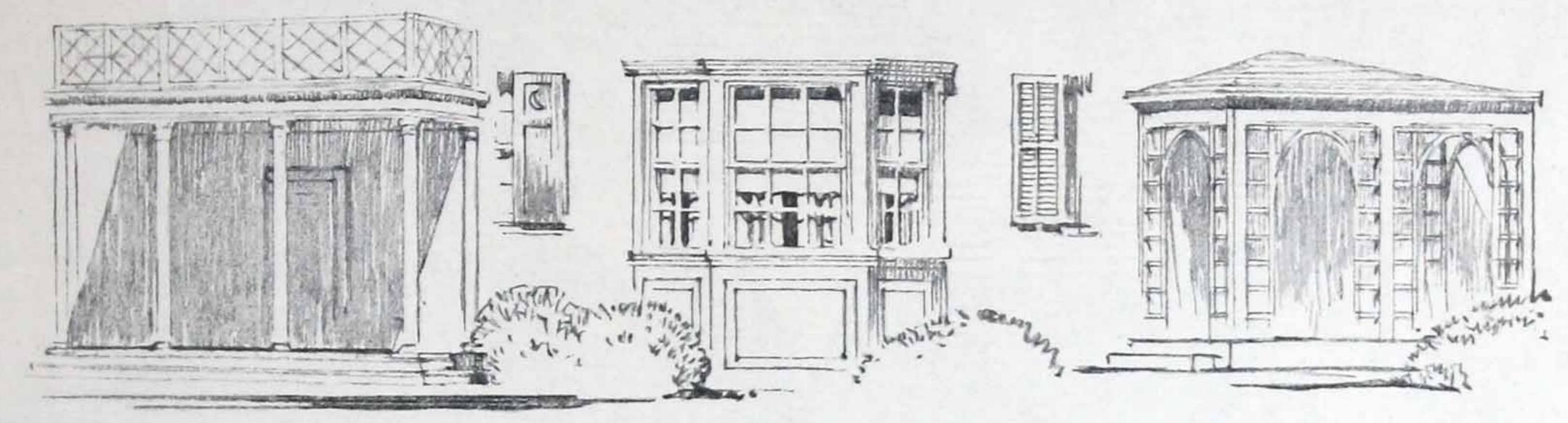
So, go to your banker. Take the Barrett Book show him what you would like to do. We are sure you will find him interested.

START your plans and arrangements for remodeling today. Alterations based on the ideas in this book will very materially increase the value of your property—encourage civic betterment—and provide a real reason for personal pride in your home.

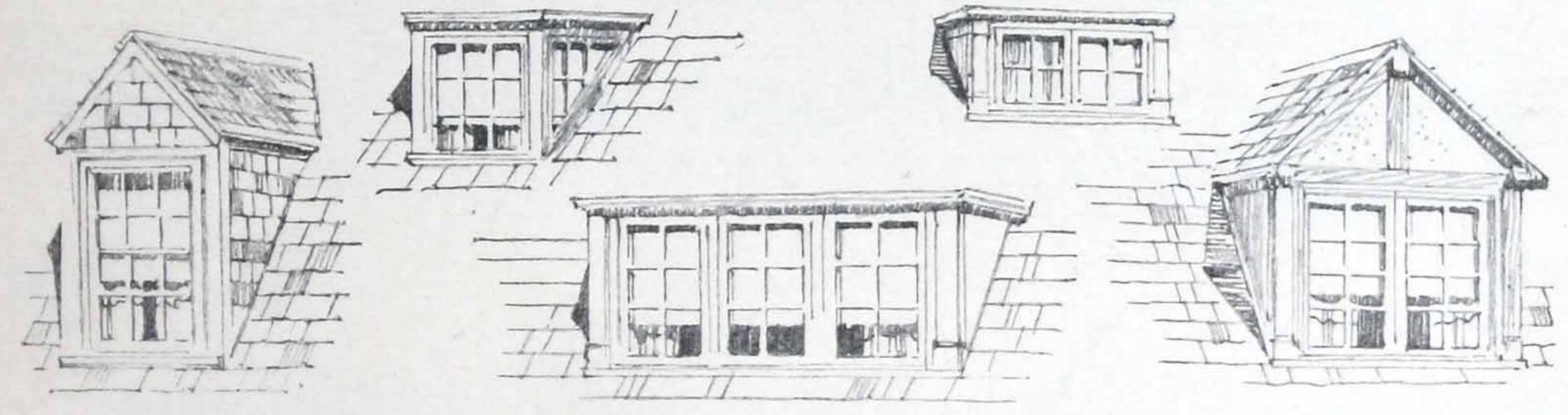
Finish Details of Standard Design That May Be Bought from Your Dealer



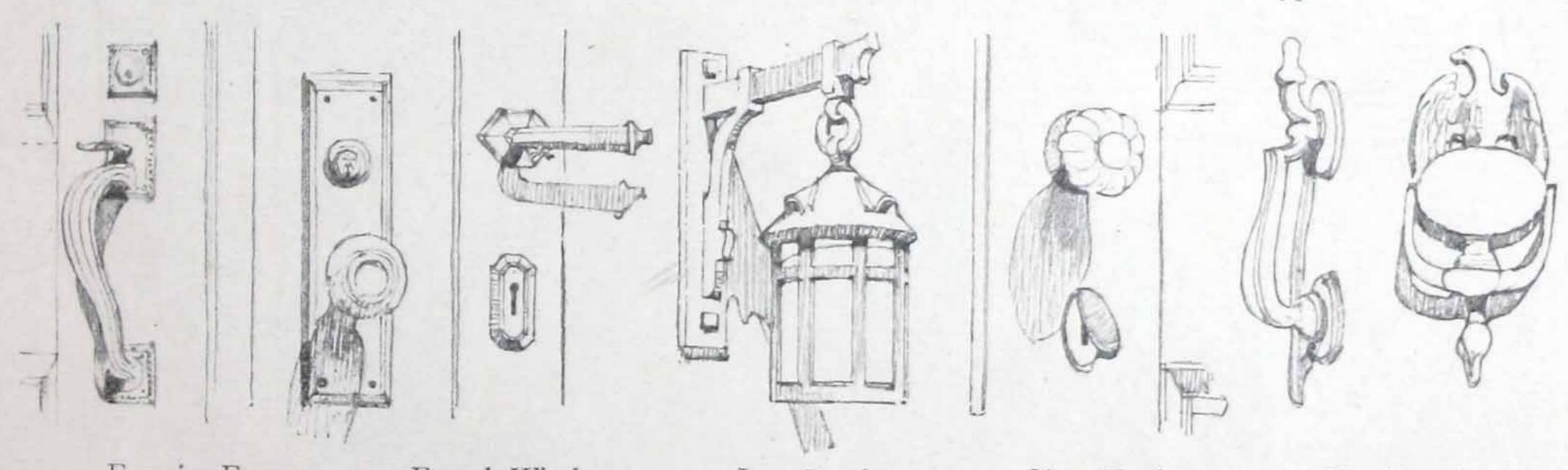
Varied standard designs of different costs for entrances and porches that are suitable for the houses illustrated in this book. An attractive entrance gives character to a house.



Open porch with balustrade A bay window and two types of shutters An inexpensive lattice porch Simple details of standard finish that will add distinction and comfort to your home



Dormer windows serve a very useful purpose in making space under the roof available and add a note of interest to any house. These sketches show attractive standard types



Exterior Front Door Hardware

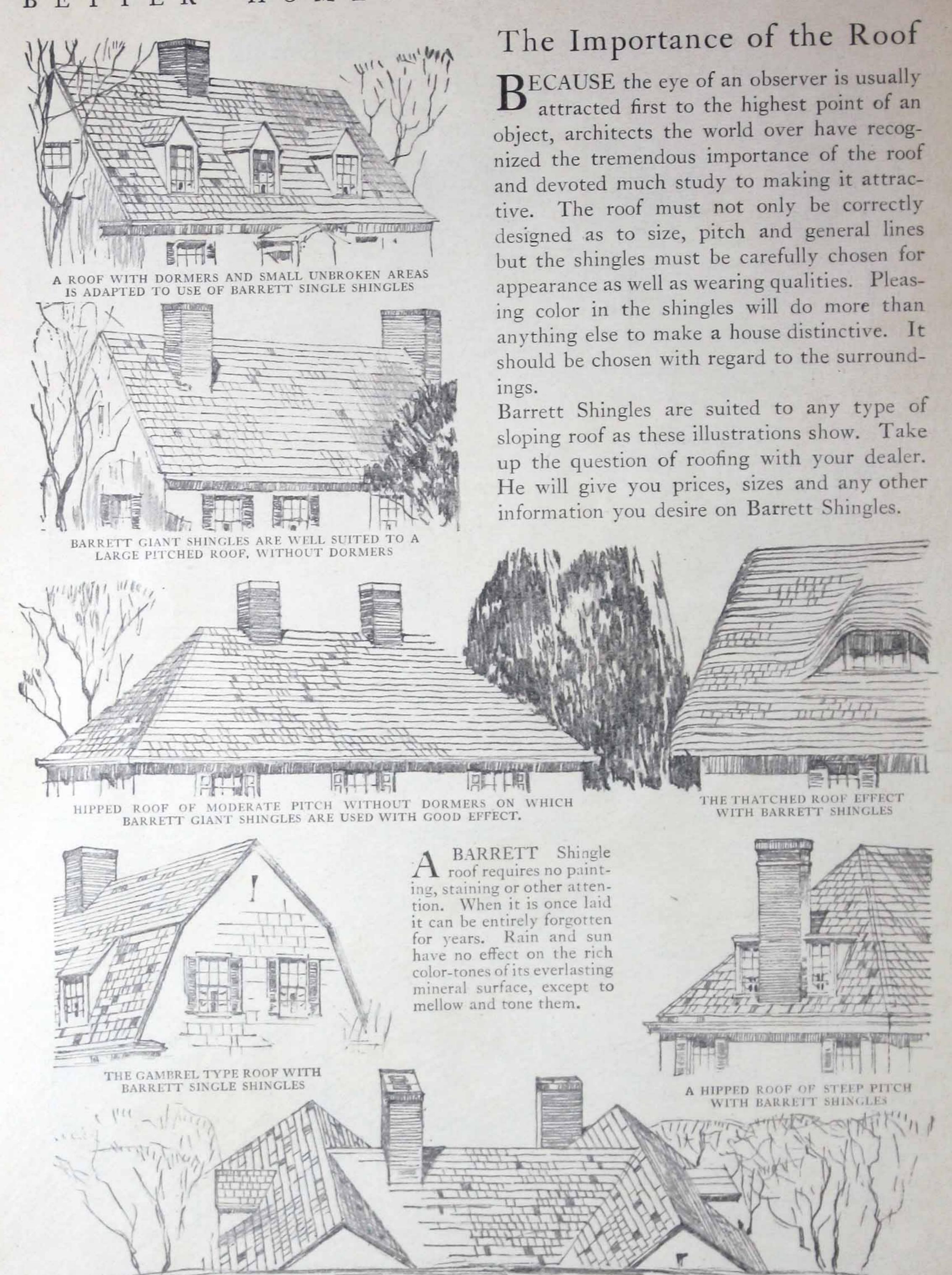
French Window Hardware

Iron Porch Lantern

Glass Knob Inside Doors

Two Popular Colonial Knockers

Sketches of hardware in simple standard designs suitable for houses illustrated in this book



SHINGLES FOR BETTER HOMES

THE ROOF BECOMES A PLEASANT PART OF THE LANDSCAPE WHEN IT IS OF A COLOR TO

HARMONIZE WITH ITS SURROUNDINGS

Color Effects with Barrett Shingles



ON THE left is illustrated a remodeled farm house as described on page 7. Barrett Shingles in deep red have been used for the roof with unusually charming effect.

The house, below, showing another scheme for remodeling the farm house type as shown on page 7 is covered with blue-black Barrett Shingles. This rich shade adds distinction to a roof of this type. Blue-black shingles can also

be used with good effect when combined with the other shades shown here, giving a lovely two or three-toned effect.

The house at the bottom of the page pictures the charm of a roof covered with Barrett Shingles in this attractive shade of green. This house is shown on page 2 as developed from the old cottage type of house.

Barrett Shingles never rot or rust—never need painting.
They are highly fire-resistant—easy and economical to lay.





They can be readily obtained from your dealer in these shades and in any one of the following types:

Giant Shingles, size 8" x 1234" (extra heavy and extra thick).

Single Shingles, size 8" x 1234"

(regular weight and thickness).

Octagonal Strip Shingles, size 3358" x 11" (regular weight and thickness).

Multi-shingles, size 10" x 32" or 1212" x 32" (regular weight and thickness).

